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Gulf defense rests on GCC, Sultan says

Riyadh Bureau
RIYADH, Jan. 25 — The Gulf region's security and stability are the common responsibility of its own states, Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Monday as he opened the first meeting attended by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) defense ministers. Prince Sultan said regional and international situations have made it necessary for the six GCC member states to pool their resources and potentials in order to achieve the highest level of coordination in order to guarantee the security and stability of each member state "in the face of growing foreign threats."
The conference is being held at the request of the GCC heads of state which include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar. It will discuss defense needs of the GCC in relation to recommendations made recently by the chiefs of staff of the armed forces.
"Gulf defense is the sole responsibility of Gulf people and can be achieved through close cooperation," Prince Sultan said. He voiced hope that the meeting will translate the recommendations into action and achieve the people's goals. The GCC, according to Prince Sultan, is not hostile to any other state and is not a regional alliance. He stressed that it is force, to be added to the other Arab and Islamic forces that are working toward restoring lost Arab rights. It will set a good example of organized cooperation and solidarity.
"We must draw up plans for collective action to ensure the security of the member states and to keep the Gulf region away from the hazards of international rivalries which do not serve the true interests of the people," Prince Sultan said. He expressed confidence that the people are quite capable of maintaining the peace and stability of their states and

Glut clips \$1 off OPEC price

LONDON, Jan. 25 (R) — Reductions in response to the current glut have trimmed the average price of OPEC oil by almost one dollar to \$33.85 a barrel in the past 12 months, the Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said Monday. After adjusting for inflation the real cost of OPEC oil has dropped by nearly four dollars a barrel since early last year, said the oil industry newsletter.
The weighted average stood at around \$14 in 1978. Price increases in a tight market took it to a peak of \$34.80 early in 1981, when sales by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) were hit by world recession and Western efforts to save energy and burn more coal.
On the free market, the PIW added, prices have tumbled as much as \$1.50 below the official OPEC rates for contract deliveries.
Only a small volume of crude changes hands on the free, or spot, market. But buyers use it to make up unforeseen shortfalls in contract supplies so that it acts as a barometer for future pricing trends.
Interest centers on Saudi Arabian light crude, the benchmark now set at \$34 a barrel on which OPEC aligns official prices.
The PIW said it is the only key crude trading on the spot market at around its official price. But the journal said traders believed that it, too, would be selling at a discount in the next week or two.
Oil industry sources in Bahrain meanwhile said that Iraq, fighting to boost war-restricted sales, had shaved costs by nearly one dollar a barrel over 200,000 barrels daily being sold to Japan under new contracts.
They said Iraq had agreed to waive a pipeline fee of 75 cents a barrel and had also increased the period in which payment must be made from 30 to 45 days, which resulted in an effective additional discount of about 20 cents.
Iraq's action may make it harder for such other Middle East producers such as Kuwait and Iran to boost depressed exports.
The Bahrain sources said Iran offered Japanese buyers 60-day repayment terms. But Japanese firms wanted further discounts from the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which is also talking in London with the two European-based oil giants.

Pakistan's U.K. embassy blamed

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Officials at the Pakistan Embassy in London helped a family of illegal immigrants stay in Britain for three years, a high court judge said Monday.
They issued 36-year-old Syed Anwar Hussain Amer and his wife Farida with letters and certificates falsely stating that the couple worked at the embassy. One certificate was apparently signed by the then ambassador himself and says that they were personal servants, said the judge.
It was not until they were interviewed by immigration officials in 1978 that they admitted never having worked at the embassy.
After the interview, Amer's father, then a personal assistant to the ambassador, admitted asking the ambassador to act.
The judge dismissed an appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Amer against the home secretary's decision to deport them and their three children as illegal immigrants. The judge said that, in the light of the evidence, he could not see how the home secretary could have come to a different conclusion.
He also dismissed the couple's claim for political asylum in this country. They believed they might face proceedings for deception in Pakistan and that this could lead to "persecution," said their counsel.
But the judge said this political issue had been fully investigated by the home officials and it appeared to be a last attempt "when all else had failed," to stay in Britain. "It may be, under the circumstances of this case that when the family arrives in Pakistan the officials there will view with seeming disfavor the way in which the embassy and its servants seem to have been manipulated to continue the deception under which the applicants entered this country," said the judge. But the possibility of arrest was not a factor which the court should consider.

Pakistan can make bomb-CIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Pakistan could produce a nuclear bomb during the next several years, but is unlikely to do so for fear of endangering a \$3.2 billion six-year United States military economic aid program the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* reported.
Quoting the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) "special national intelligence estimate 31-81", the *Times* said that Pakistan could continue to produce and stockpile fissionable materials for an eventual production of an atomic weapon.
According to the CIA report, completed last month, India's opposition to Pakistan's atomic program could lead to Indian attacks on their neighbor's nuclear installations.
Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Agha Shahi is due in New Delhi on Friday for talks with Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Row on the creation of a nuclear-free zone in south-west Asia. The *Times* adds that these talks are being watched closely by the United States government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
The *Times* said that certain political observers here have expressed private doubts that Pakistan would curtail its nuclear program despite India's efforts.



HUMAN PYRAMID: This acrobatic performance shows six ski instructors from the French ski resort Les Arcs in the Alps suspended from a moving helicopter. The pyramid is held together by leader stuntman Jean Yves Lemeur on the bottom, two instructors above him, and three attached directly to the runner of the helicopter. The stunt was performed for a TV variety show called "Incredible But True."

To check protectionism

Suzuki vows to ease imports

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (API) — Declaring it is imperative that Japan check a growing global tide of protectionism, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Monday vowed his government will strive to further open the Japanese market to foreign goods.
Suzuki, in his first foreign policy speech of the new year, also pledged as an "issue of special urgency" to slash government spending and spur domestic demand at a time when many countries' economies are in the doldrums.
As an economic superpower, he said it is "Japan's responsibility" to solve the trade friction resulting from Japan's export onslaught, which has given it a \$13.41 billion trade surplus with the United States and a \$10.8 billion advantage over the 10-nation European Community.
"To this end, I intend to actively seek further opening of our markets and to work for the facilitation of trade and commercial relations with all countries," Suzuki told the 96th session of the National Diet, or parliament, which reconvened after a yearlong break. (See related story on page 11.)
He singled out resolution of trade friction and administrative reform, areas in which the 70-year-old Suzuki has staked his political career, as two of the most urgent tasks facing his conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).
"It is imperative that Japan restrain trade protectionism, seek to maintain and strengthen free trade, and strive to further open our markets, to promote imports of manufactured goods," he said.
He added "it was in line with this realization" that he ordered across-the-board tariff cuts in an effort to defuse what was fast becoming a political issue when he reshuffled his cabinet last November, just 16 months after the ruling LDP took office.
In the area of foreign affairs, the prime minister said improvement in Japan-Soviet relations is another important issue in Japanese foreign policy, but said ties remain strained because of a Soviet military buildup off northern Japan, Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan and the Polish crisis.
He said the situation in Poland is one that has "grave ramifications for world peace and stability," and that Japan will continue to stay in close consultation with Western allies and the United States.
"It is of primary importance that Polish affairs be solved by the Polish people themselves without any intervention from outside, and Japan for its part will continue to work for improvement in this situation," he said.

U.S. atom plant put on emergency

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP) — A "site emergency" was declared Monday at the Ginna nuclear power plant in Ontario, New York after a steam tube ruptured in a primary cooling system, releasing radioactive steam into the atmosphere, a federal official said.
The plant, located about 29 miles northwest of Rochester, was shut down. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Gary Sanborn said. There is "no danger to the public at this time," said Richard Sullivan, spokesman for the Rochester Gas and Electric Co., which operates the plant.
A "site emergency" declaration is the second highest in NRC classifications. The most serious is a general emergency. "There are indications of a leak from the primary system to a secondary system in a steam generator tube," said Sue Gagner of the NRC's Washington office.
Sanborn said the NRC had opened a center at its King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, regional office to monitor the situation and provide a central location for information.

As 5 MPs resign

Jaruzelski hints at martial law end

WARSAW, Jan. 25 (R) — Polish military chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski told parliament Monday that martial law restrictions should be lifted by the end of February. Elements of martial law in industry "would have to be retained for a longer period," Gen. Jaruzelski said in a speech to the Sejm (parliament), Warsaw radio reported.
He was addressing the first full session of the Sejm held since martial law was imposed on Dec. 13 and military authorities cracked down on the Solidarity free trade union.
The radio quoting the parliament speaker reported that five Polish members of parliament have resigned their posts.
Warsaw radio reported the resignations in a broadcast monitored in Vienna and named the five as Ludwik Drodzdz, Jozef Grygiel, Jozef Henc, Mieczyslaw and Stanislaw Kowalczyk.
The report gave no details on the circumstances surrounding the resignations. It added that a proposed government reshuffle would be submitted to parliament.
The radio also said an item on "changes in the council of ministers (government)," had been added to the parliament's agenda, which also included legislation legalizing martial law and accompanying decrees.
These curbed civil freedom and provided for the suspension of Solidarity and the internment of some 5,000 political dissenters.
The radio quoted Gen. Jaruzelski, who is also prime minister and Communist Party chief, as saying 1,760 people had been released from internment, but 4,549 were still held.
Gen. Jaruzelski said: "Let all the difficulties connected with martial law be lifted as soon as possible. But this would depend on existing conditions and possibilities for normal life and work in Poland," he said.
"In any case, neither the calendar nor external pressure will decide the future of Poland." "By the end of next month the restrictions

Khaled, Shah ponder Mideast

RIYADH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled and King Shah of Malaysia held their first round of talks here Monday about mutual relations and international issues of common interest especially the Palestinian question and the Middle East situation.
Saudi Arabian representatives taking part in the talks were Crown Prince Fahd, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al Solaim, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al Jazairi and senior officials.
Malaysian representatives included Commerce Minister Tunku Ahmad Redauidin, the Minister of Agrarian Reforms Datu Sharif Ahmad, the Ambassador here Datu Siri Omaruddin and others.
"The discussions dealt with the excellent relations between our two Muslim countries," an official said. "They centered on increasing cooperation within the context of the Organization of Islamic Conference to strengthen Islamic solidarity."
Malaysian affirmed support for the Saudi Arabian — sponsored peace plan in the Middle East and the Malaysian people's support for the Palestinian struggle for the realization of their legitimate rights.
King Khaled and King Shah later inspected the Malaysian handicraft exhibition held at the conference center. Prince Fahd accompanied them.
King Shah earlier visited the King Faisal's Specialist Hospital. In the evening the two monarchs attended the horse races.

Numeiri dismisses vice-president

KHARTOUM, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaffar Numeiri, in a surprise move Monday, fired his first Vice-President and Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Magid Hamid Khalil.
The official news agency which carried the report gave no explanation for the move. It said Numeiri relieved Khalil of all his posts and duties and sent him a letter "thanking him for his services." Numeiri assumed the Defense Ministry Portfolio, the report said.
Another move, Numeiri dissolved the top levels of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the country's sole legal political party, and launched a sweeping international review of the party.
The Sudan news agency Monday reported that Numeiri decreed the dissolution of the SSU central committee, Politburo, secretary-general's office and general secretariat.
Numeiri, who is also party president, has nominated a 41-member popular committee to develop and reorganize the SSU at all levels, and reconsider party rules, the charter and regulations "in a way to ensure effective participation by masses of the Sudanese people," the agency reported.
Numeiri, who heads the new committee, said the dissolution order complied with recommendations made at a recent conference of about 200 high-level executives and politicians.
The move was also necessary to allow for a broader participation by the people in the process of national construction and to ensure collective responsibility "at this crucial turning point that our nation is passing through," Numeiri said.
Spared the axe were party leaders in six regions and Khartoum province, who are to continue until elections are held. The date of the elections would be announced later.
The recent conference was held following nationwide riots led by students protesting against hikes in sugar and petroleum prices. The price hikes were imposed as part of the austerity program declared in November.

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Canadian to hold talks on energy with Yamani

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Jan. 25 — The Canadian Minister of Energy, Marc Lalonde, arrived here Monday for talks with Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, about energy and matters of mutual interest. He was welcomed by Sheikh Yamani and other senior officials.

Canadian embassy sources told *Arab News* that Lalonde and Yamani will discuss energy issues concerning the two countries and also international energy problems. During his three-day tour, he is also expected to visit Aramco.

Lalonde, appointed as minister of energy

Car dealers fined

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — A number of car agencies and dealers have been fined SR10,000 each for selling vehicles at more than the price indicated by the customs department, according to Hamad Al-Rashudi, customs director general.

He told *Al-Jazirah* that as soon as the customs discovered any increase in the prices of cars, more than that mentioned in the customs cards, the department informed the authorities to enforce the fines and return the surcharge to the purchasers.

in March 1980, is responsible for Canada's national program for self-sufficiency in all kinds of energy by 1990.

Canada is a net exporter of energy with the exception of oil. It exports gas and electricity to the United States. In the case of oil, it imports 30 percent of the total requirements, with Saudi Arabia supplying 40 percent of the imports. Oil imports from the Kingdom amounted 2.45 billion Canadian dollars in 1980.

Canadian exports to Saudi Arabia during 1978 amounted to 234 million Canadian dollars rising to 251 million last year. The major items of exports from Canada in 1980 included cars for 122 million dollars; wood for 20 million, cables for 18 million, and prefabricated houses for 17 million.

While in Kuwait, Lalonde told a press conference that his country was willing to respond to a Kuwaiti request to buy four nuclear reactors if the Kuwaiti government finally decided to go ahead with its plan to acquire them for peaceful purposes. His country was also willing to cooperate with Kuwait in oil exploration and welcomed Kuwaiti investments, he said. (Related story p.4)

Canada understood the political issues of the region and supported the Arab states in their just struggle, he was quoted as saying.

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INSPECTION: King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and some members of his delegation seen above inspecting some of the latest equipment at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. King Fahd is on a seven-day visit to the Kingdom.

Abdul Ilah inspects Qasim projects

OASIM, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Oasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah began Monday a few days tour of the region's villages and towns to inspect the conditions of those areas and get acquainted with their requirements for public services, in addition to ensuring the progress of work on the various projects under construction.

The prince visited Monday Naqrah, Hafin-

iva, Jathen, Haiwaniya, Deim, Hajrat Aqlat Al-Qousour and the Qasim Governorate headquarters. He was accompanied by directors of the various government departments in Oasim. Prince Abdul Ilah said that the tour is a regular inspection visit according to the instructions of King Khaled aimed at ensuring the comfort of citizens, study their needs and solve their problems.

Chatti urges action against Israel

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference Habib Chatti has appealed to the United Nations to take stern action against Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. In a telegram to the U.N. General Assembly, Chatti said that unless some deterrent

action is taken, Israel will continue its expansionist policies in the Arab world. The assembly is due to hold an extraordinary meeting in the next few days to discuss the annexation following an American veto in the Security Council against the imposition of sanctions on Israel.

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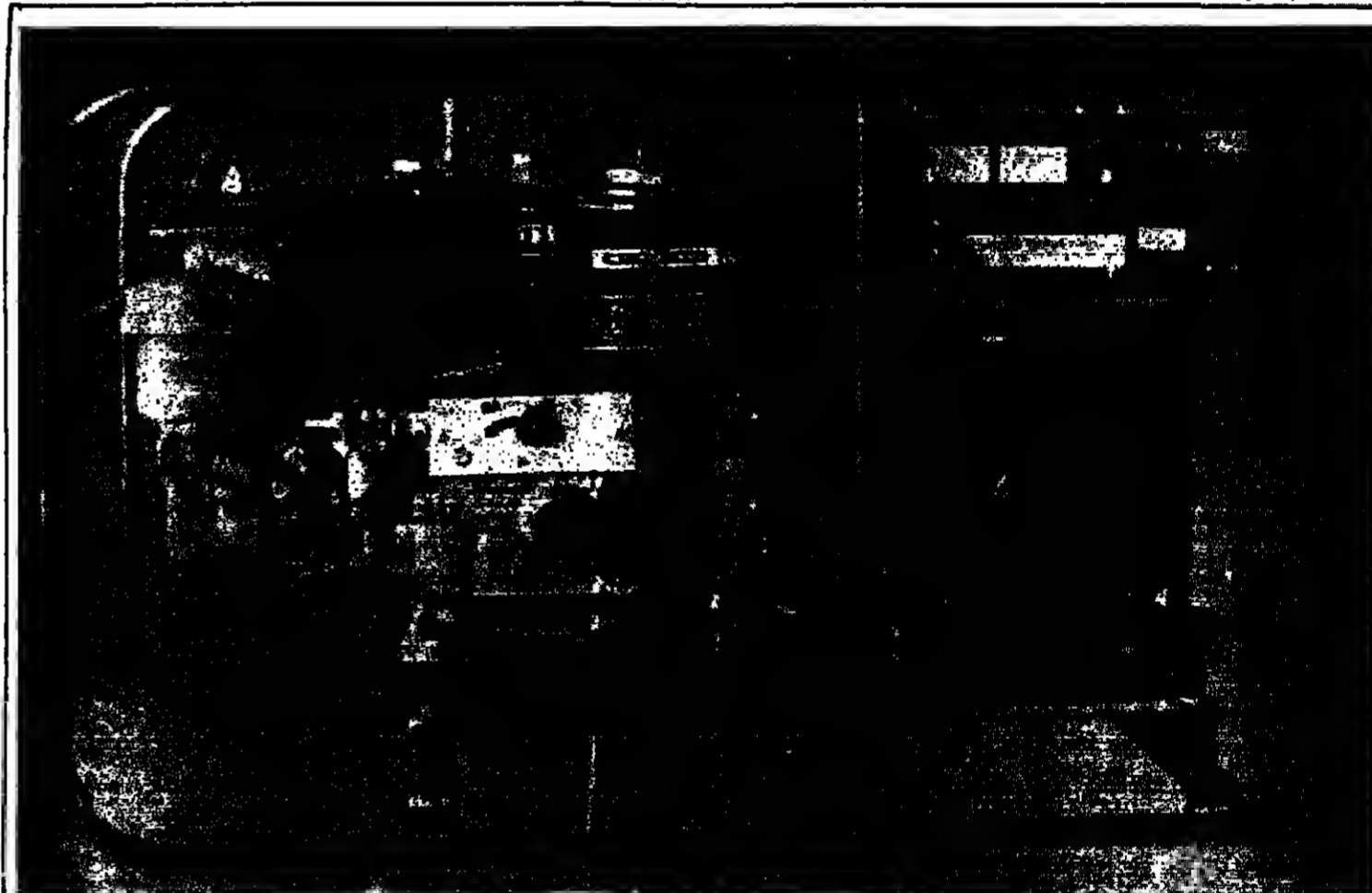
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In transport field

Pact with Sweden set

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — The draft agreement signed by the Kingdom and Sweden for cooperation in road, railroad and transport in general, will be submitted to the Council of Ministers and the Swedish government for approval, according to Swedish Transport and Communications Minister Claes Elmstedt.

Before leaving for home Monday concluding a week-long visit, Elmstedt told *Arab News* that after the approval of the agreement by the respective governments detailed plans will be worked out within three months. "The agreement provides the broad guidelines for cooperation," he said.

The minister said that Swedish officials will visit the Kingdom in three months for further discussions on the subject. Elmstedt arrived here Tuesday at the invitation of his counterpart Sheikh Hussein Mansouri with whom he had talks on promoting cooperation in transport and communications.

He was seen off at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz International Airport by Deputy Minister for Roads Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum and KAIA Director Zabeer Sindi.

Elmstedt described his talks with Saudi Arabian officials as "good" and said that relations between the two countries are "excellent and continuously developing."

He also commended the Kingdom's role in the search for peace in the Middle East. He expressed the hope that the Kingdom's initia-

tives will succeed in bringing about a peaceful settlement.

Elmstedt said he discusses setting up a workshop on road maintenance and traffic safety, and cooperation in shipping and telecommunication. "We already have an agreement for training traffic control personnel in civil aviation," he added.

In shipping, he had meeting with Saudi National Shipping Company officials. "Our ships were very much appreciated and more contracts are likely to follow," he said.

Elmstedt, who toured the Kingdom including the industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu, expressed admiration for the industrial and economic development projects, in addition to the progress achieved in roads and transport.

In a separate development, the communications and transport ministries of the Kingdom and Sweden are jointly organizing a seminar Tuesday in Dhahran. The seminar, entitled "roads and traffic safety," will last two days and will be held at the lectures hall of the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

The third in a series — one was held in Jeddah and the second in Riyadh — the seminar's program includes technical lectures and scientific research related to road maintenance and traffic safety. In addition to Saudi Arabian and Swedish experts, the seminar will be attended by officials of the Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry, traffic department and professors of UPM.

BRIEFS

ARAR (SPA) — The Municipality of Arar is currently engaged in an asphalt paving and illuminating project of the town's streets at a total cost of SR200 million. The project is to be implemented in more than one phase and the first, estimated to cost SR40 million, has been issued as a public tender. According to Arar Mayor Muhammad Al-Itayyan Sunday the municipality is carrying out SR6 million projects which deal with temporary asphalt paving and beautification.

QATIF (SPA) — The Eastern Province Girls' Education Directorate General has been handed over educational projects which had been completed recently in Qatif. According to Hamad Al-Subaie, Qatif girls education representative, the SR9.6 million projects include a secondary, two intermediate and a primary schools in addition to a kindergarten.

DHAHRAN (SPA) — Rector of the University of Petroleum and Minerals Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr received Sunday a delegation of the British Council. Topics discussed at the meeting included promoting scientific cooperation between UPM and British universities and the prospects of exchanging expertise in applied research.

RIYADH (SPA) — The Public Security's personnel training institute will mark Tuesday the graduation of the second group of security patrol and the first group of prison works. Graduates of the two classes will be more than 300 persons. Such courses are held to improve the standards of security men and



Prince Salman

Salman signs Nigeria, Nepal embassy pacts

RIYADH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman signed two contracts granting the Nigerian and Nepalese governments plots for building their embassies at the proposed diplomatic enclave.

The two agreements, signed on the basis of reciprocity, were initiated by Prince Salman in his capacity as the chairman of the committee for the transfer of the foreign ministry and embassies to Riyadh, and the ambassadors of Nigeria and Nepal here.

The diplomatic enclave is expected to complete by next year accommodating all diplomatic missions accredited in the Kingdom. Chanceries as well as embassy staff accommodation will be ensured. The Foreign Ministry's premises will be completed in time with the rest of the project.

French expert discounts lasting oil glut

Alkhorbar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Jan. 25 — The French government and its oil experts have dismissed the possibility of a permanent oil glut and the decline of oil prices to \$15 per barrel.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day symposium here Sunday night Pierre Desprairie, chairman of the French Institute of Petroleum (IFP), said: "whereas some commentators expected the present world oil glut to be permanent and the price of oil to hurdle down to \$15 per barrel, neither the government nor our own experts share this view."

The symposium of *French Oil Technology* opened at building 10 of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM). Other speakers at the inaugural ceremony included Dr. Saleh Bakhrehab, secretary general of UPM; Jean Favre, IFP director; and Jean Andre Roret, chairman of the board of petroleum equipment manufacturers.

After praising the Kingdom for unifying the price of oil at a reasonable level, he remarked that in the long run — by which he meant five to 15 years — a world rate of industrial growth near four percent would involve a high probability of a scarcity of oil supplies, and an uncontrollable increase of prices. Saudi Arabia is France's principal oil supplier, he observed.

Last year France purchased 45 million tons of oil from the Kingdom, at a price of \$12 billion. On the other hand, France as Saudi Arabia's sixth most important trading partner exports only \$2 billion to the Kingdom annually. The balance might be improved, thought Desprairie, who was standing in for Michel Jobert, French minister of state in charge of foreign trade who was unable to attend the symposium due to a change in the scheduling of government meetings.

Jean Favre, director of the IFP, spelled out the impact on the reserve base which improved offshore technologies, enhanced recovery and the utilization of heavy oil would

have. By increasing recovery from 25 percent to 40 percent, 90 billion tons could be added to the world's cumulative production and proven reserves. Future discoveries also might be increased by as much as 70 billion tons, he said.

Perhaps significantly, it is in the field of offshore technology and heavy oil recovery that French petroleum research has distinguished itself.

The IFP, whose principal interest is research, operates a school of petroleum which graduates 200 students a year, one third of whom are non-French. It is this school which trains most of France's petroleum engineers.

Favre told *Arab News* that an agreement exists between IFP and UPM whereby French graduates of the school work at Dhahran as members of the university staff or as lecturers in place of military service and that,

with the completion of the UPM Research Institute, an exchange of experience between the two institutes is being studied.

Thirty French companies are participating in the symposium, Jan. 24 to 26 at Al Khobar's Meridien Hotel. Some of these, like Coflexip Saudi Arabia, a collaborative effort between Coflexip of Paris and Sheikh Ahmad Jamal Jawa of Riyadh's Witlag Trading Company, are new to the local market.

Another newcomer to the country, Jubail Fabrication Industries, which is 40 percent owned and managed by Union Industrielle Et d'Entreprise of Paris, received its license four months ago, with an initial investment of \$15 million. It will have a capacity to produce 9,000 tons of jackets with a labor force of 500.

Other participants at the symposium are already operating in the country.

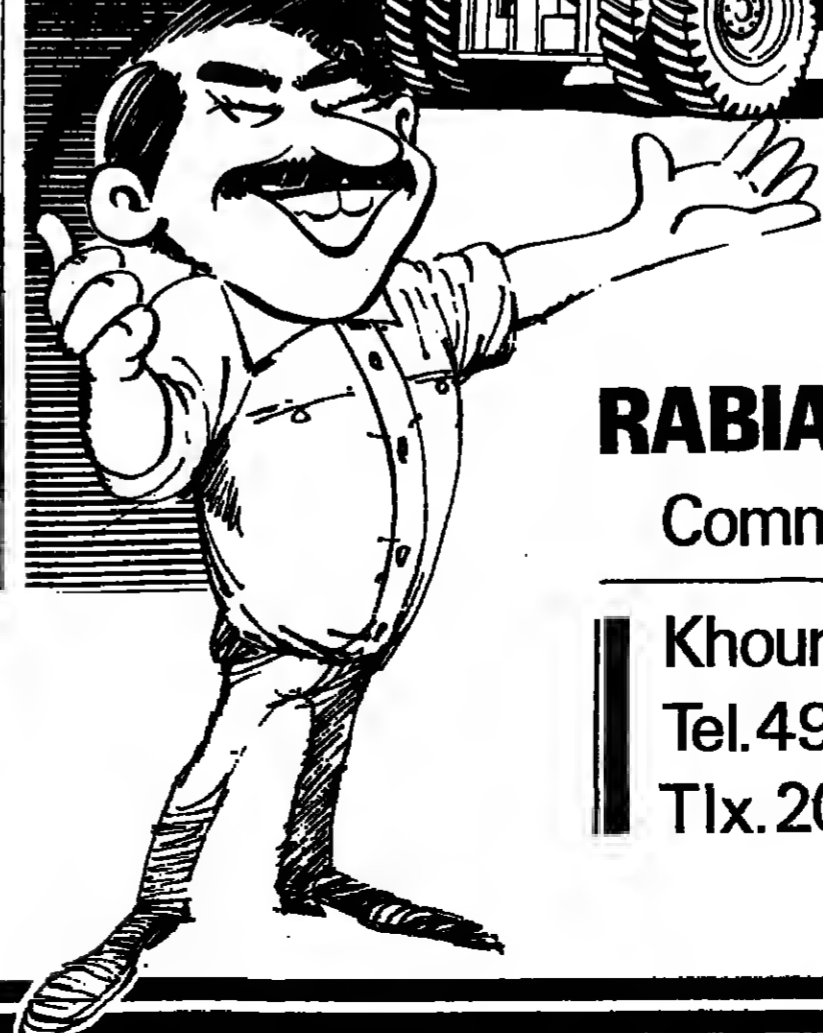
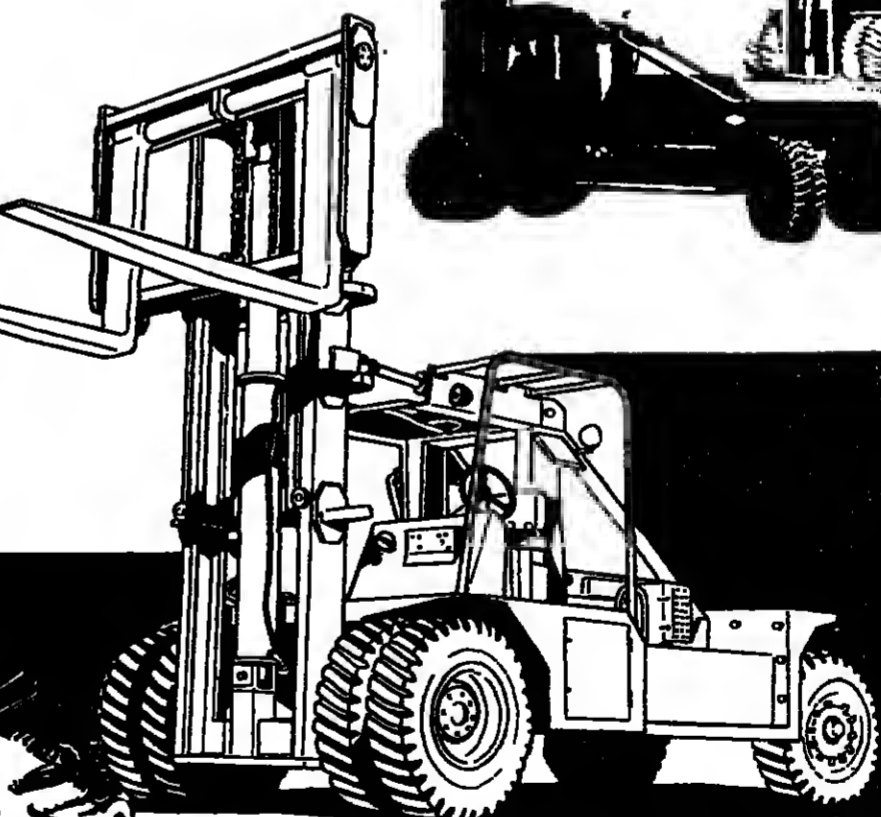
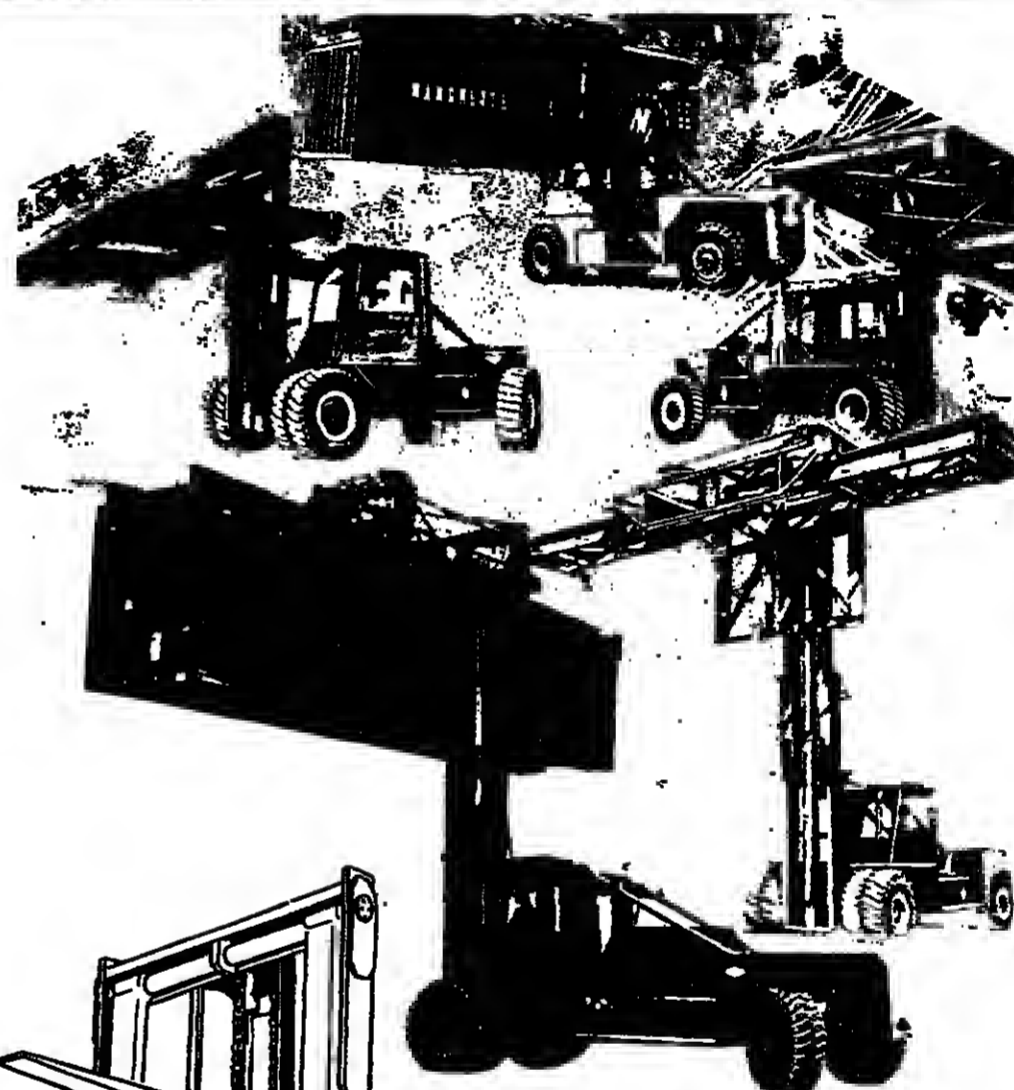


NEW DIRECTORY: A comprehensive directory about Makkah will be published in Arabic and English for the benefit of pilgrims, according to Tihami Monday. The directory which will have a full range of information about the holy city is sponsored by the Mayor Yahya Koshak. It will be published by Tihami. At a meeting held in Makkah recently, it was decided to seek the assistance of the Pilgrimage Research Center of King Abdul Aziz University in revising the directory to ensure its accuracy. The book will have a number of photographs and maps of the city. Mayor Koshak is seen at the head of the table with Tihami Director General Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeh to the right.



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France violates neutral policy in Mideast--Syria

DAMASCUS, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* Monday accused Socialist France of violating the Goullist era of neutrality on the Middle East conflict by abstaining from voting on a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for sanctions against Israel.

The newspaper described as "weak and illogical" a defense of the abstention made by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson in an interview published by the independent English language Lebanese magazine *Man-day Morning*.

Cheysson was quoted as saying the U.N. Charter reserved sanctions for cases of "direct threat to world peace" and France did not consider Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights as a threat to world peace.

Egypt, Libya to normalize relations soon, official says

KUWAIT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Restoration of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Libya is imminent following top-level contacts between the two countries, a high-ranking Egyptian official was quoted Monday as saying. "The step will catch Arab and world quarters by surprise," the unidentified official was quoted by the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Sayassah*.

The report said that contacts for the normalization of Cairo-Tripoli relations were being undertaken by a well-known Egyptian personality who had a prominent role in the first years of the late President Sadat and who maintains close relations with the Libyan government.

Syria complains about Jordan charges

DAMASCUS, Jan. 25 (AP) — A fresh accusation flew between Syria and Jordan Monday when the Syrian government summoned a high ranking Jordanian diplomat to complain his government wrongly accused Syria of terrorism.

Syria's deputy foreign minister, Nasser Qaddour, called Jordanian charge d'affaires Walid al-Faraj to the foreign ministry where official government sources said the Jordanian was handed a formal letter of complaint. The sources described the encounter as a "further serious deterioration in the relations between Syria and Jordan."

Mitterrand to visit Israel March 3

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will make the first trip to Israel by a French president on March 3, the state radio reported Monday. A foreign ministry spokesman in Tel Aviv was unable to confirm the date, and said Mitterrand was expected in the first half of March.

Mitterrand was to have arrived here next

between Syria and Jordan. The two countries have traded accusations of terrorism against one another over the past two weeks.

Jordan blamed Syrian intelligence in the Jan. 11 bomb explosion at a grocery store in the Jordanian capital, Amman, that wounded six persons. Syria never responded to the charge until Monday when Syrian sources told the Associated Press that Qaddour told Al-Faraj the Syrians in fact had proof that it was Jordanian intelligence that was responsible for the grocery bombing.

The spokesman said a French advance party was to arrive Wednesday to make preparations for Mitterrand's visit.

It said the person in question, whom it indicated was journalist Muhammad Hassanin Heykal, met recently with President Hosni Mubarak on the issue.

Al-Sayassah said that Libya was taking all necessary steps for withdrawal of its forces from Chad and the Sudanese-Libyan frontier as one of the conditions stipulated by Egypt. Furthermore, Tripoli has decided to stop mass media propaganda against Cairo, it added.

Egypt and Libya have been at loggerheads since 1973. The two countries fought a mini-war in 1977 and have been maintaining a state of alert on their common borders since then.

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PLO lashes out at U.S. envoy to U.N.

'Kirkpatrick remarks hostile to Palestinians'

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization accused U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick on Monday of issuing statements "hostile to the Palestinian people and to their sole legitimate representative."

The PLO statement also accused Kirkpatrick of "interfering in the internal affairs of a permanent observer member of the United Nations, blindly supporting the Israeli aggressor and flagrantly violating the U.N. Charter."

The strongly-worded protest was a reaction to remarks Kirkpatrick made in an interview broadcast by Israel's state radio over the weekend. The American U.N. ambassador was quoted as saying the PLO was not the only representative of the Palestinians and that the Palestinian commando movement has "participated in terrorist operations with help from the Soviet Union and Cuba."

"Mrs. Kirkpatrick should realize that the PLO fully represents the Palestinian people in all its venues of existence within and without the occupied territories whether the United States liked it or not," said the PLO statement, distributed in Beirut by the PLO-controlled Palestine news agency, Wafa.

"Mrs. Kirkpatrick also should keep in mind that 117 nations recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and this is more than double the number of nations that recognize Israel," the statement added.

"Mrs. Kirkpatrick has to bear in mind too that the PLO is a full-fledged member of the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the nonaligned nations' movement, in addition to its status as a permanent observer at the United Nations and all its specialized agencies as well as its observer status at the Organization of African Unity," the statement said.

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MASSIVE LOAD: This horse must be the strongest animal in all Egypt. To pull a cart, driver, and such an enormous load appears to be quite a feat. But all is not what it seems. The massive load is, in fact, a stack of lightweight foam rubber on its way to a Cairo market.

66 Soviet technicians will return to Egypt

Mubarak seen mending fences with USSR

CAIRO, Jan. 25 (AP) — Egyptian-Soviet relations, at an all-time low after the expulsion of top Soviet diplomats and hundreds of advisers last September appeared to be moving toward normal Monday with the announcement that 66 Soviet technicians are returning.

The return of the advisers is the most concrete sign yet of improving relations between Moscow and Cairo under President Hosni Mubarak, but there have been other signals such as Cairo's approval of an increase in the Soviet Embassy staff and plans to increase trade.

A foreign ministry spokesman told the Associated Press the experts would be working at the iron and steel factory south of Cairo at Helwan, the High Dam at Aswan and an aluminum plant at Naga Hamadi in southern Egypt — all projects built with Soviet aid in the 1960s.

Reached by telephone, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the 66 Soviets would be installing equipment at the industrial sites, and would return to the Soviet Union once their contracts expired. He did not say when the advisers would arrive or how long their

contracts were.

American and French technicians also are doing studies on the feasibility of upgrading the High Dam, which officials say provided 65 percent of Egypt's power.

Asked when Egypt would restore normal relations with the Soviet Union, Ali replied: "Not in the near future."

Egyptian diplomatic sources said the return of the technicians was requested by the government-owned industrial projects involved. "The Soviet technicians were helpful and there is no harm in admitting that," said one source.

The late President Anwar Sadat expelled Moscow's ambassador and six top diplomats last Sept. 15, accusing them of contributing to sectarian strife in Egypt. He also expelled 700 Soviet technicians, according to the semi-official press, sending Egyptian-Soviet relations plunging to their lowest point since he ejected 17,000 military advisers in 1972.

Some Western diplomats pre skeptical of Sadat's reason for expelling the Soviets, saying they felt he had overreacted to possible Soviet contacts with opposition groups.

Western diplomats specializing in econom-

ics said the advisers held important positions in Egyptian industry, and they described Egyptian claims of having easily replaced the Soviets as being exaggerated.

Egyptian diplomatic sources said Cairo recently approved the addition of two Soviet diplomats to the 32-man staff here. The sources expressed confidence Moscow would not object to Egypt increasing its staff in Moscow, although it has not done so.

In Moscow, an Egyptian commercial official officer said a trade delegation led by Commercial Minister Mahmoud Atief was expected to sign within days an agreement raising Egyptian-Soviet trade 18-20 percent this year. Last year, the Soviet Union exported \$251.58 million in goods to Egypt, and Egypt sold the Soviets goods worth \$285.74 million.

Egyptian diplomats conceded these moves might be leading to normal relations between Moscow and Cairo.

In a message to Prime Minister Foad Mohieddin last Friday, Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov expressed hope that Mohieddin would "promote normalization and development of Soviet-Egyptian relations."

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AP) — Several members of the Mujahideen Khalq urban guerrilla group have been arrested recently in Iran and charged with aiding former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's escape from Iran, the official Iranian News Agency IRNA reported Monday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin returned to his office Monday for the first time since breaking his thigh two months ago. Begin, 68, moved about with the help of an orthopaedic walker which he said would be needed for the next few weeks.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Iran has agreed to allow the families of 7,000 Iraqi prisoners-of-war to visit them in Iran. Ayatollah Khomeini's representative on the supreme defense council said here Monday.

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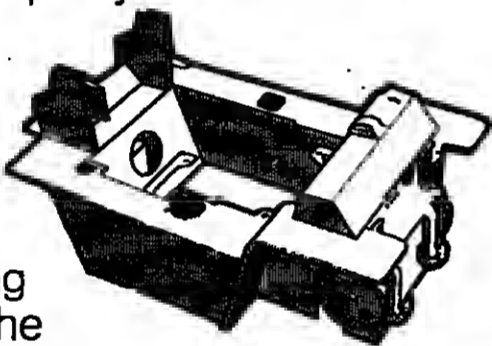
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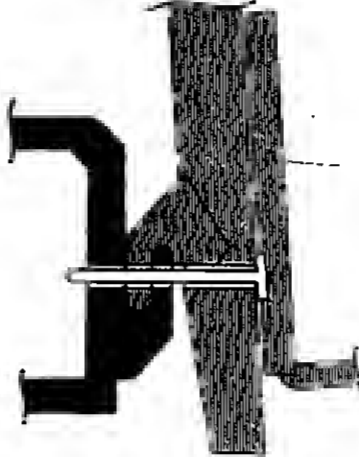
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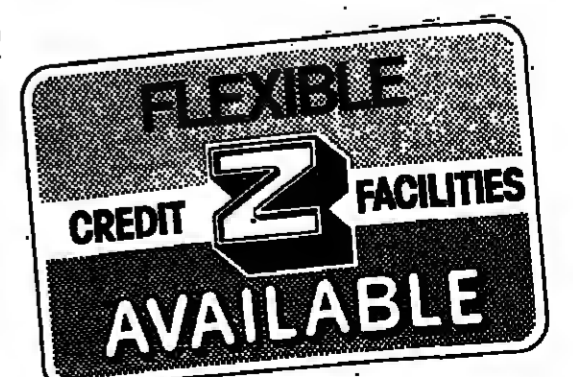
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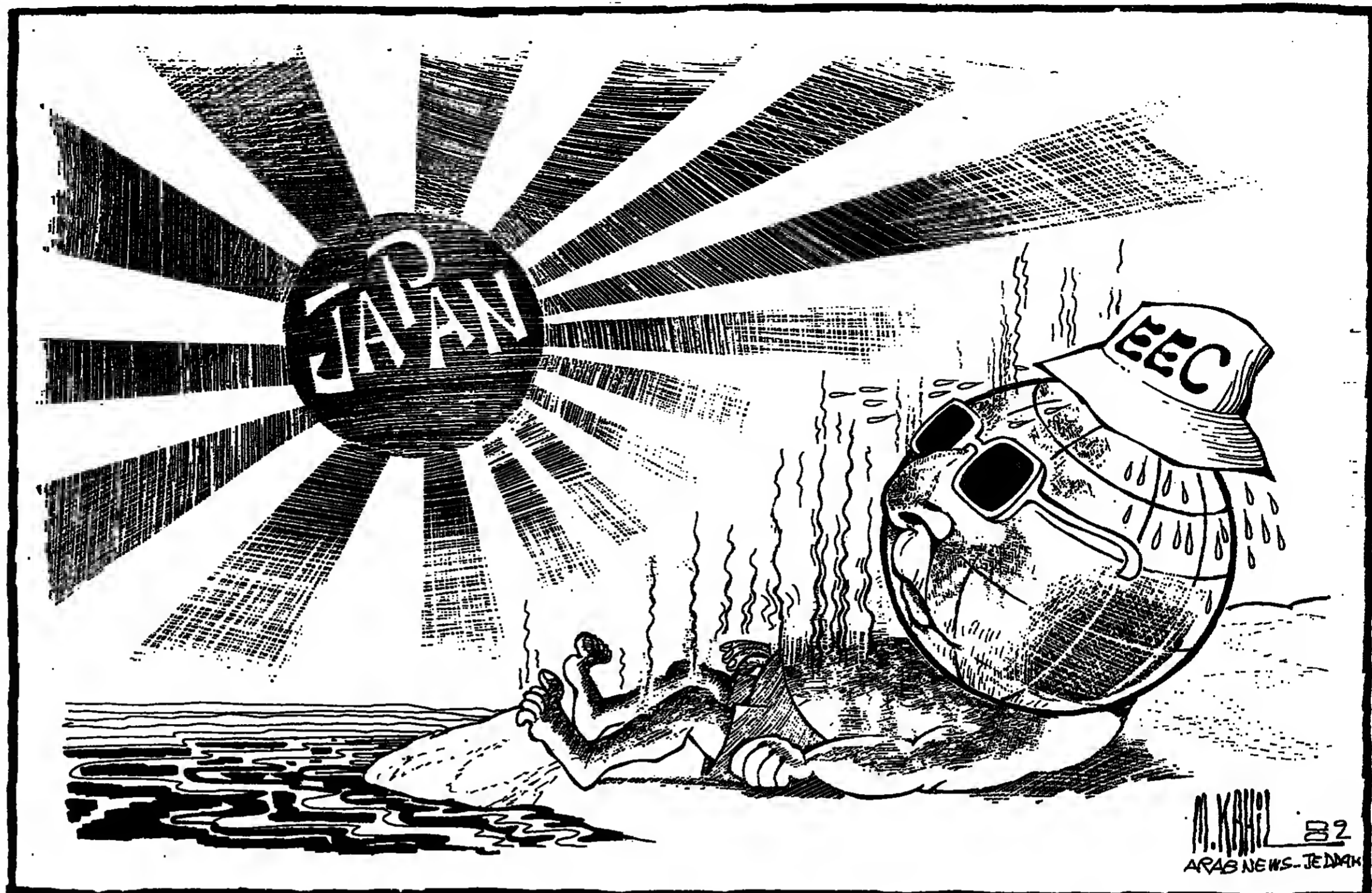
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Belgium aims at EEC unity

By Liz Barber

BRUSSELS — Belgium, whose new center-right coalition is struggling to govern an increasingly divided country, has to contend with the added burden of chairing the European Community councils for the next six months.

Belgium inherits this unenviable task from Britain whose vain battle for a parcel of community reforms — culminating in the unsuccessful London summit last month — occupied the European Commission and the EEC Ministerial Councils over the past six months.

The reforms were proposed as a long-term solution to British objections to the level of their budget contributions to the community. With the end of the British presidency it looks as if they will be quietly forgotten.

An attempt to cut the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which secures fixed prices for farmers, was at the heart of the proposed changes: as the CAP is dear to the hearts and easy on the pockets of smaller community countries, plans to reform it will not be a priority of the Belgian presidency.

Each EEC presidency puts its own focus on Community affairs. While the British presidency's grand scheme of reviewing EEC policies and their financing tended to alienate the other partners, the Belgians are set on a more placatory path.

Long used to maintaining the status quo between Belgium's two national communities, the Walloons and the Flemings, Brussels governments are singularly well equipped to act as nursemaid to the 10 Common Market countries.

Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans is resolved to strengthen European unity. Belgium has a strong vested interest in maintaining a closely knit Europe and sees economic and monetary cooperation between the 10 as the keynote of its presidency. With the highest unemployment in Western Europe and worsening economic problems, Belgium is desperate to attract foreign investment.

The European Monetary System (EMS), which coordinates the currency values of all the EEC countries, with the exception of Britain and Greece, to limit exchange rate fluctuations, will be at the center of the Belgian presidency's work.

By the time the finance ministers' council meets next March to mark the third anniversary of the EMS and the 25th of the European Community, the Belgian presidency hopes to achieve a wider recognition of the European Currency Unit and a better coordination of exchange rates with countries outside the EEC. It also hopes Britain will join the EMS.

Letter to the editor

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America restricts Cuban immigration

By Dan Sewell

MIAMI, Florida — The door flung open by the United States when Fidel Castro took power in Cuba 23 years ago has slammed shut. With more than 800,000 Cuban exiles now in this country, the federal government has served notice that Cubans who wish to leave the Communist island 240 kms from here must wait their turn under rigid quotas.

Andres Rodriguez Hernandez, a 20-year-old stowaway, scrambled off a Panamanian freighter last Wednesday prepared to begin a new life. Two days later, he was placed on a charter flight back to Havana — the first Cuban sent back to that island nation since 1959.

As many as 5,000 members of Miami's Cuban exile community took to the streets last Saturday in a protest sparked by the Hernandez case and another, similar incident. The demonstration finally was quelled by police, who used tear gas and jailed 34 Cuban-Americans on charges ranging from inciting

a riot to assaulting a police officer.

Tensions and frustration remain high following the disturbance. Some officials say there is a realization that the Rodriguez deportation was only the most clear-cut of recent indications that U.S. policy for Cuban immigration has changed.

"Cubans have grown accustomed to seeing Miami and the rest of the United States as the lifeboat they have traditionally climbed aboard. The deportation of Rodriguez Hernandez is symbolic of the end of an era," explained Roberto Fabricio, a *Miami Herald* columnist.

Although the great majority of this country's Cuban exiles arrived legally aboard the "freedom flights" of the late 1960s, officials estimate that as many as 10,000 Cubans came here the same way as young Rodriguez — without documentation — and were welcomed with full refugee status and federal government assistance.

But the Refugee Act of 1980 — aimed at putting this country "in control of its own borders" — stated that merely fleeing a Communist country isn't

sufficient grounds for political asylum. The refugee has to prove a "well-founded fear of political persecution." Quotas were established for all regions, including 3,000 political refugees in fiscal 1982 for Latin America.

Later that year, Castro made a shambles of the new law by opening the Port of Mariel to Cuban-Americans who wished to pick up their relatives. The Cuban government sent nearly 125,000 people — thousands directly from Cuban prisons — to the United States in the "freedom flotilla," then refused to take any of them back.

But 1981 brought strict enforcement of the refugee law. Only about 100 Cubans came to this country as legal immigrants, with several hundred other Cubans who were political prisoners admitted in a special category.

"In the past years we went out of our way to admit Cuban refugees. But the law has made a very dramatic change," Philip Chicola of the State Department's Bureau for Refugee Affairs said in an interview last month. "We are not going to allow any large numbers of Cubans to come in as refugees any time in the near future. If they wish, they can apply to come in as immigrants."

Last year, U.S. authorities for the first time deported Cubans who came here illegally from a third country. They were sent back to the third country, such as Spain.

But the Rodriguez deportation brought the new Cuban policy into focus. The administration of President Ronald Reagan, under growing criticism from blacks and liberal leaders for holding all arriving Haitian refugees in refugee camps while seeking court approval to deport them, now faces anger from the Cuban community, too.

Observers say that U.S. officials may have misinterpreted negative reaction to the Mariel refugee Cuban-Americans, thinking they would also accept the restricted immigration. (AP)

Koivisto Vs. Russian bear

By Chris Mosey

HELSINKI — In the end neither the horrendous complexities of the Finnish electoral system nor the disapproval of Leonid Brezhnev could stop Mauno Koivisto, the man now destined to fill the shoes of the mighty Urho Kekkonen as president of Finland.

Koivisto last week won a landslide 145 seats in a 301-member Electoral College which on Oct. 26 will choose the nation's head of state. In the past the post has been held by almost monarchical figures whose main job has been to keep the Russian bear at bay.

With such a majority nothing can stop Koivisto, whose support draws on all sections of Finnish society. After a quarter of a century under the magisterial Kekkonen, Finland now looks forward to a more delegated power structure at home linked to a continuation of Kekkonen's policy of "thinking geographically" — a Finnish political euphemism for "bearing in mind your next door neighbor is the Soviet Union" — in foreign affairs.

Koivisto, 58, a dock worker from the West Coast, joined the Social Democratic Party in 1947. After completing his education, he shot like a comet through the Finnish political firmament to become minister of finance in 1966, governor of the Central Bank the following year and prime minister in 1979.

He has an irreverence that appeals to the man in the street ("all I know about the economy is that it

will be worse than last year," is one of his better-known utterances) but which scares the old men in the Kremlin.

It was only in the latter days of the campaign that Brezhnev acknowledged the Koivisto steamroller by sending him an encouraging telegram. The Politburo had earlier promoted Karjalainen, former foreign minister and head of the Finnish-Soviet Trade Commission.

Koivisto, like the other seven candidates, pledged adherence to the Kekkonen doctrine but he is likely to prove a little too independent for Moscow's taste. Although as president he will be above party politics, he is devoutly anti-Communist and Soviet interference in Finnish affairs is likely to meet with opposition.

Koivisto's relative lack of political experience worries both Brezhnev and local observers. However, since taking over from the ailing 81-year-old Kekkonen as acting president last September and in his election campaign, Koivisto has successfully avoided political infighting and remained above party politics.

Koivisto's victory may also dampen domestic criticism of the Finnish system of electing a president.

In a poll immediately before the election — when there was speculation that a "compromise candidate" might still be chosen by the electoral college despite popular support for Koivisto — nearly 60 percent of Finns said the system should be changed, perhaps to something resembling the French two-poll method. (ONS)

Nicaragua may get German arms

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON —

The left-wing Sandinista government in Managua has been having talks with West Germany on arms purchases in a bid to reduce its reliance for military supplies on the Soviet Union and its satellites. It is not clear yet whether Bonn will meet the Sandinista requests for guns and light armored vehicles or whether the Schmidt government will decide not to risk further U.S. wrath on the subject.

Washington is already in a fury about French arms sales worth \$10 million to Nicaragua last month. Casper Weinberger, the U.S. defense secretary, has said the French decision to sell arms to the Nicaraguan government and help with military training was "a slap in the face." The Mitterrand government is nevertheless standing firm on the deal and there is speculation that France may also sell Nicaragua Mirage warplanes.

Last month's arms deal was the second time in a few months that Paris had intervened crucially in favor of left-wing movements in Central America and rejected Ronald Reagan's thesis that the Left must be crushed in the isthmus.

Washington is still resentful of the declaration of

the French and Mexican governments in August in which they called for talks between the left-wing Salvadoran guerrilla insurgents and the right-wing junta in San Salvador led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte, which has been receiving strong military, economic and diplomatic support from Washington.

The Franco-Mexican declaration was a major diplomatic victory for the Salvadoran insurgents and had the effect of a powerful depth-charge in the normally flower-strewn waters of Latin American diplomacy.

The French arms deal has been greeted with quiet satisfaction by the Sandinista authorities, who are far from uncritical of the Soviet Union, the Eastern bloc and Cuba. The Sandinistas however have been forced to accept East bloc arms after receiving lightly veiled threats of invasion from the Reagan administration.

Washington is still allowing supporters of the former Somoza dictatorship — who are dedicated to overthrowing the Sandinistas — to arm, train and operate openly in Florida and elsewhere, despite repeated requests from the Managua government that the Reagan administration should halt their activities.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 26th, the 26th day of 1982. There are 339 days left in the year.

Highlights in history of this date:

1699 — Peace of Karlowitz is signed by Austria, Russia, Poland and Venice with Turkey.

1736 — Stanislaus I formally abdicates as king of Poland.

1828 — Turkey and Russia sever relations.

1841 — British sovereignty is proclaimed over Hong Kong.

1922 — Southern Rhodesian Legislative Council accepts draft constitution for limited self-government.

1934 — Germany signs 10-year non-aggression pact with Poland.

1942 — First U.S. expeditionary force arrives in Europe in World War II. The troops are put ashore in Northern Ireland.

1952 — Famed Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo is burned during riots by mobs demanding British withdrawal from the Suez.

1957 — Kashmir constitution for incorporation with India goes into effect.

1964 — British troops help put down mutinies by African troops in former British colonies of Tanganyika, Kenya and Uganda.

1969 — Fifteen persons are sentenced to death in Iraq as spies in service of Israel.

1971 — The Soviet Union announces unmanned spacecraft has made soft landing on planet Venus.

1978 — Strong radiation is discovered by U.S.-Canadian air-search team in Canada's northwest, where Soviet space satellite with nuclear reactor broke up after reentering earth's atmosphere.

1980 — U.S. Olympic Committee begins meetings to discuss President Jimmy Carter's plea that the United States not participate in the Olympic Games.

Thought for today:
A sound mind in a sound body is something to be wished — Juvenal, Roman lawyer-satirist (about 60-140 A.D.).

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New cartoon, comic strip series to begin in Arab News on Friday

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH—An invasion from outer space will take place this Friday when *The Spacers* initiates the appearance in *Arab News* of cartoon and comic strip creations of American cartoonist Emil V. Abrahamian. The appearance of Abrahamian's cartoon creations will



E.V. Abrahamian

be the beginning of a weekly cartoon series which will be prepared exclusively for *Arab News* with a special Middle East emphasis.

The Spacers depicts, in cartoon form and in a very humorous manner, the daily adventures, or misadventures of inhabitants who live in space and travel from galaxy to galaxy and planet to planet like a wandering 'nomadic' tribe in space.

The happy, carefree people of small stature will have a supporting cast of programmed robots who, at times, emote their very personal feelings and add to the hilarity and enjoyment of the reader. *The Spacers* whiz around using funny flying belts or their little space ships as a means of travel and rely on their inventiveness, intelligence and wit to try to cope with any given situation.

The Spacers will be joined by several other exclusive cartoons by Abrahamian, *Stumpy Stumbler*, the antics of an enterprising and clever Arab boy; *The Sports File*, a fascinating look at unusual facts and uncommon events from the world of sports; *Space Shot*, an illustrated look at the past, present and future of space flight; and *Animal Chatter*, a laugh-filled look at the world through the observations of some zany critters.

The Sports File is a new cartoon that depicts in pictorial form uncommon and unusual facts about professional and amateur athletes of the past and present. This feature is a compelling and fascinating series which includes the exploits of the great Sam and Fox Indian Jim Thorpe, selected as the greatest athlete of the century in 1950 by a poll of sports writers, to shot-putter Robert Garrett, who competed in the discus-throw event in the 1896 Olympics at Athens, Greece with amazing results.

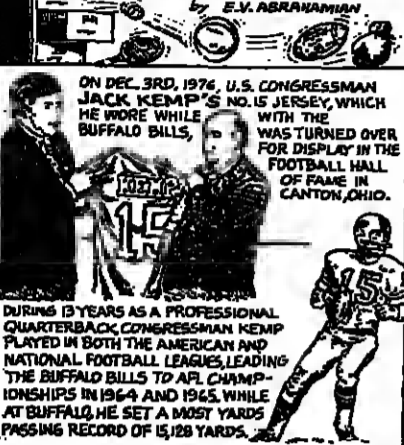
One of Abrahamian's *Sports File* cartoons, a profile of football quarterback-turned-congressman Jack Kemp, received extraordinary attention when Congressman Kemp requested the original artwork and hung it in his office on Capitol Hill.

Cartooning was begun by Abrahamian as a sideline to his career as an industrial illustrator and artist. He began working in a small home studio near Buffalo, New York and soon what began as a hobby turned into a lucrative second career. His work was soon syndicated and the cartoonist received national attention.

Abrahamian says his cartoons are an extension of his childhood when he "used to copy cartoons from the local paper."

Scene & Heard

THE SPORTS FILE



NATIONAL ATTENTION: This item from E.V. Abrahamian's *Sports File* hangs in Congressman Jack Kemp's office in Washington.

Italians eliminating cats, not rats

By George Armstrong

Rome (G)—The city of Rome is supplying its citizens, upon request, metal spring traps in which to ensnare cats. The concierge or administrator of a block of flats, or even one individual, need only make a written request to the municipal veterinary office, and the traps, though not the bait, will be supplied. They are accompanied by a letter which says: "We wish to inform your lordship (bureaucratic letters use that form of address) that you may proceed with the elimination of the in-

conveniences mentioned, as long as the administrator of the building sees to the ensnaring and the consignment of the cats to the city's dog pound, signing a declaration which authorizes their suppression."

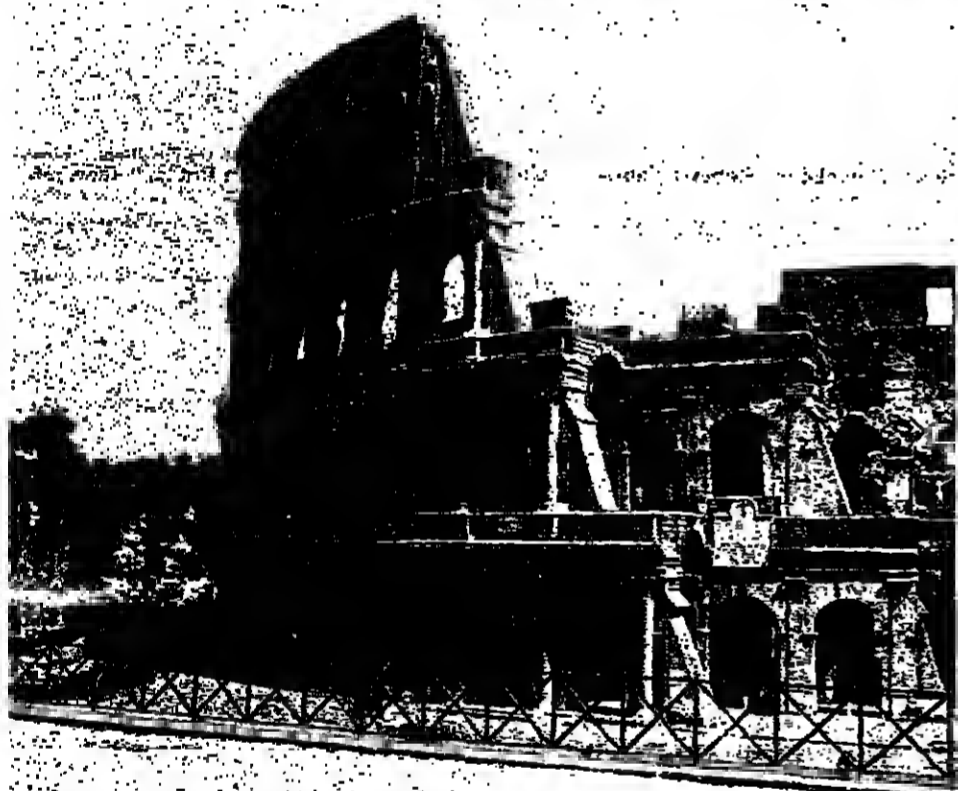
Several books and many millions of photographs, taken by professional and amateurs, attest to the natural and, so it was thought, eternal presence of cats in Rome. Roman cats and Roman ruins have always gone together like spaghetti and cheese. About five years ago, the cats vanished from around the

Forum, the Pantheon, and the semi-fake Roman temples which stand way below street level in the Largo Argentina. Disappearing with them, were the people, usually women wearing tough leather gloves, who would make daily rounds to feed the cats with scraps. In the case of the Teatro Argentina, in the same largo, the management had complained that the cats had found an underground passage, probably part of Pompey's theater (where Julius Caesar was stabbed), and were responsible for the introduction of fleas to the stalls of the modern theater. The Largo Argentina cats, which always attracted passers-by, were spirited away, with no explanation. The truth probably can be found in the traps.

According to Fulco Pratesi, of the World Wildlife Fund, "it is not only the city's ingenious traps. Unfortunately, today there are many restaurants, medical labs, and sadists who see the stray cats as preferred raw material for their activities. Not to mention the small circuses and itinerant zoos which, as recently happened in Naples, encourage young boys to round up cats to feed to their animals. Too many people forget that without the cats, considering the condition of the Rome sewer system, we would be invaded by rats."

The city's overt complicity in encouraging private citizens to capture cats also brings up a legal question. A dog can be declared a stray if his owner has not paid the annual license fee and he is not wearing a metal tab on his collar. The dog has legal standing. A cat can never be judged to be a stray simply because it is caught wandering, as it may have an owner, and there is no cat license. The Roman cat has always sought refuge in the ruined pagan temples and presumably has been under the protection of Jove, Minerva, and, in the case of the Pantheon cats, all the gods, and the Emperor Hadrian to boot. Now the (Communist) administration of Rome is giving license to the lower-orders to capture and "authorize" cat massacres.

Thunderbolts, followed by earth tremors, are foreseen, and a spot of the old Bubonic plague.



ROME COLISEUM: Cats have always been part of the scene in Rome and have always kept the rat population down. With a campaign underway to eliminate cats some authorities predict dire consequences.

Parks, squares busy at 5 or 6 a.m.

Rise early to enjoy Chinese tours

PEKING (ONS)—There is only one trick to getting the most out of your package tour to China; be an early riser. Chinese social life is conducted as it was in the days before there was electricity (of course, in some rural areas, there still isn't any). Up at dawn and to bed with the sun is all too often the maxim upon which the Chinese act.

In Peking the parks and public squares fill up between 5 and 6 a.m. The masses are doing their calisthenics, practicing the ancient art of shadow-boxing, playing musical instruments, giving their caged birds an airing or just going for a walk around the block.

The worst aspect of Chinese early rising, at least so far as the tourist is concerned, is that meal-times are geared to this schedule. Even in restaurants.

Breakfast at seven is normal and 6 a.m. is not out of the ordinary. It's worth getting up for. And for heaven's sake, insist on a Chinese breakfast. There are always a certain number of non-experimenters on every tour and for some reason they all draw the line of culinary daring at breakfast.

It is the meal most unlike our own, and perfectly delicious. To start with, the Chinese consume virtually no dairy produce, so there's no butter for the soggy toast, and no milk for the decaffeinated coffee. Or rather, the butter and milk that are offered ought to be treated with the greatest suspicion. The toughened dried-out egg mixture and the squishy steamed 'cake' that are invariably given to the masochists who ask for Western breakfast are what they deserve for their lack of imagination.

They could, after all, be eating what the Chinese eat: rice gruel, called congee, watery, unsalted and bland. Horrid by itself, but don't worry, it is intended as a vehicle for bits of spicy pickle, smoked fish, fried peanuts, chic-

ken with chillis, deep fried bites of meat or bean curd, or even tiny portions of some of the best dishes of last night's dinner. You've never lived until you've had chillis for breakfast; you wake up, and you stay awake.

Many hotel dining rooms will also serve *dim sum* for breakfast—steamed or fried savoury dumplings with the most delicious fillings of minced pork, ginger and garlic or prawns and water chestnut, for example. Sometimes there are even sweet steamed buns. And in the north, deep-fried cakes like long dough-nuts, to be dipped in sugar and soy milk.

All wonderful. And an early breakfast makes it possible to eat lunch—and be grateful for it—around noon. Lunch is often a substantial meal, and it is useful, anyway, to be on the same time-table as your hosts.

This is most evident in the evenings, when dinner, even in smart restaurants, begins between five and six, and is over by seven. More than once guides have had to plead to get group out of the restaurant by 7:30 p.m. at the latest, as the waiters will have to be up very early next morning. So if you don't rise with the lark, you risk spoiling your own day and digestion as well.

Most package tours are not strong on restaurants, which is a pity. The Chinese are a nation of diners-out, and their restaurants are very important, sometimes historic institutions. Every tourist has a Peking duck banquet at one of the vast restaurants in the capital that serve nothing else.

But there are restaurants in every small town in China; and though standards vary so much that no tourist who wasn't starving could bring himself to eat at the least inviting of the people's eateries, you can tell simply by looking whether the food will be disgusting. Every restaurant that caters to tourists has

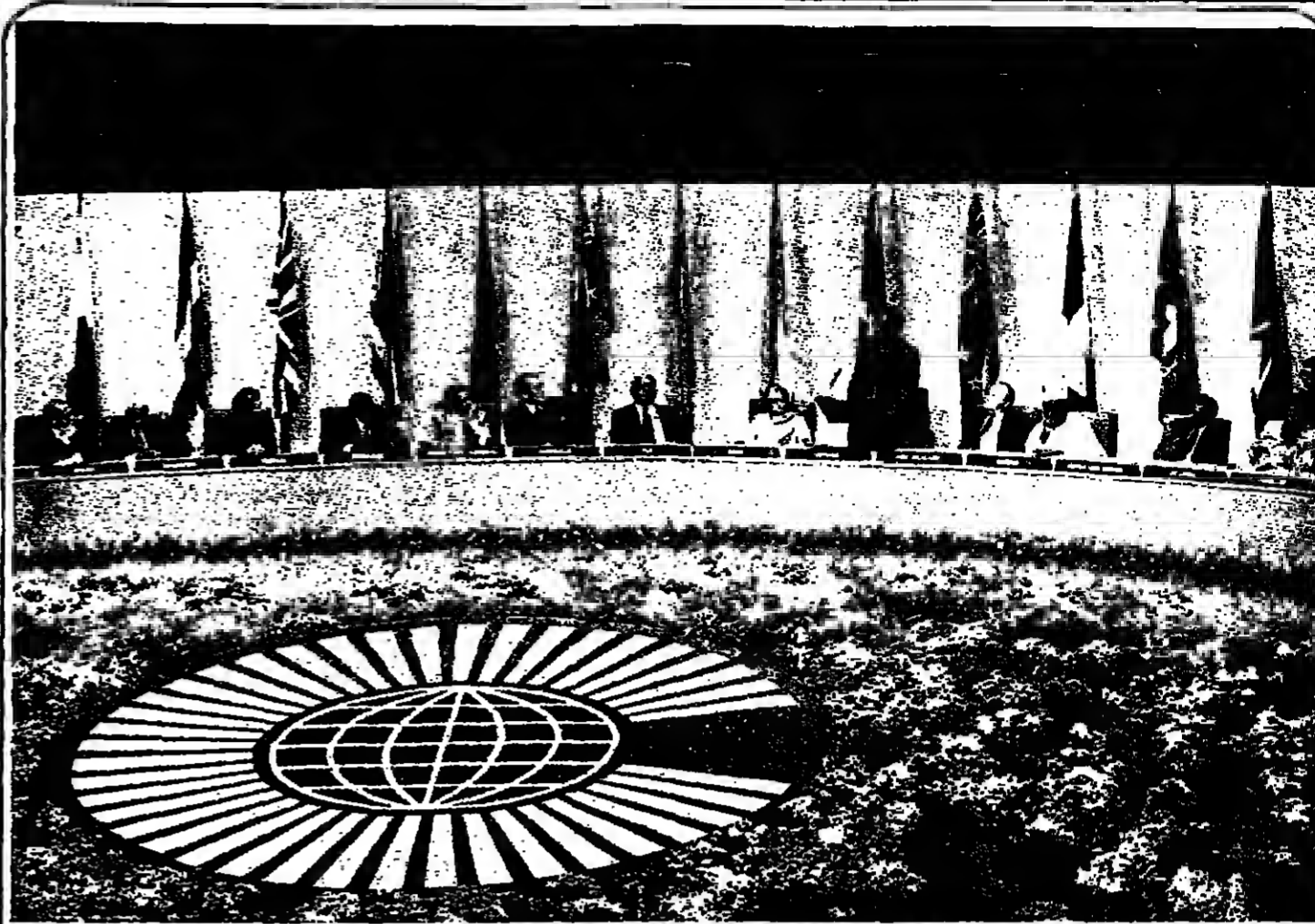
a less salubrious room where the natives themselves eat, excepting only those few restaurants that are too small to segregate the visitors. But, as the experienced China-traveler will tell you, this really is for your comfort and is less sinister than it sounds.

If you stop first in Hong Kong, you can buy a little guide, *Eating Out In China* by Harry Rohnik. It is a pity to leave China without having made a fair sampling of its restaurants, especially in Canton, where there are some of the most beautiful dining rooms in the world.

And the food is famously good in the eastern cities of Suzhou, Yangzhou and Hangzhou, as well as in Canton, and almost everywhere in the provinces of Sichuan and Hunan.

A final word of advice concerning "evening entertainment". This euphemism covers everything from the Peking Opera to regional acrobats. The acrobatic shows are wonderful—but the Chinese seem unable to distinguish between acrobatics proper, and what we would call magic shows. So unless you've a passion for seeing flowerpots produced from silk scarves, you'd be well advised to ascertain that your "evening entertainment" really is worth watching. "Evening entertainment" precludes eating out; and there is usually much more fun and enlightenment to be obtained from going to a restaurant than from witnessing even the best tricks of another 19 conjurers.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4742 or 653-2911, Jeddah.



MELBOURNE TOWN HALL: Last October when the town hall in Melbourne, Australia was dedicated commonwealth heads of government also made plans for their Jan. 26 Australian National Day.

National Day celebrated

Most Australians live in the cities, beef, sugar, wheat lead its exports

CANBERRA, Australia—At Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip established the first European settlement in Australia. This year the Australians celebrate the 150th anniversary of that landing. About 1,050 people arrived in the First Fleet—750 of them convicts, 200 marines, with the remainder being officers, women and children.

Though Australia is distant from Europe, the majority of its population of 14.8 million are of European descent. Australia extends over 30 parallels of latitude and has wide variations of climate. The vast distances and related communications problems have played an important part in shaping the country's development, with fewer than two people per square kilometer of land.

Most Australians are city dwellers living around the seaboard, with less than 15 percent in rural areas. Australia in the 20th Century is among the world's leaders in modern technology, the arts and sport.

It is the world's largest exporter of beef, the equal second largest exporter of sugar and the third largest exporter of wheat. It is also a significant supplier of other food products, including dairy produce and fruit, and is the largest exporter of wool.

There are about 176,000 rural properties in Australia. These cover about 492 million ha (1215 million acres), or 64 percent of the nation's total land area. In contrast with many other countries, about 91 percent of all rural land is in its natural state and is of limited use. It is mainly used for grazing by cattle and sheep.

Australia is doing much to help overcome the world's food problem. The National Farmers Federation has estimated that each Australian farm, on average, produces sufficient food for 70 people. In the United States the figure is 59, and in Western Europe, 19.

As a major food exporter, Australia feels a special responsibility to provide food aid, particularly in emergencies and to low-income, food-deficit countries.

More than \$A100 million has been allocated for expenditure on bilateral and multilateral food aid programs in 1981-82, representing an increase of almost 15 percent on food aid provided in 1980-81.

Australia has accepted a commitment under an international agreement—the Food Aid Convention (FAC)—to provide a minimum of 400,000 tons of food grain each year. This year its food grain aid will be about 445,000 tons.

In 1981-82, 320,000 tons of the FAC commitment will be given to governments or international relief agencies as wheat, flour or rice to assist more than 20 developing countries in Asia and Africa.

Rural production in Australia has risen substantially since World War II. The expansion has been accompanied by a marked increase in average farm size and increased use of machinery, fuel, fertilizers and pesticides.

At the same time, the wider application of scientific and technical advances relating to soil fertility, pasture production and crop yields has resulted in increased productivity. As a result, greater farm output is being achieved with fewer farmers.

The Asian-Pacific area has become the primary focus of Australia's agricultural trade. Japan is Australia's most important market and during the 1970s imported as much as 29 percent of Australia's total agricultural exports.

Growth in the Japanese market has been especially notable for a wide range of commodities, including beef, mutton, cheese, casein, skim milk powder, wheat, barley, sorghum, sugar, canned fruit, hides and skins.

The other major development in the pattern of Australia's food exports has been an expansion in shipments to the developing countries, the value of which in 1970-80 totalled \$A3.2 billion, or nearly half of total food exports.

Exports of agricultural commodities to North America (particularly beef to the United States) increased steadily during the 1950s and 1960s, but the relative importance has declined in recent years.

Other growth areas for Australian agricultural products have been the centrally planned countries and the oil rich countries of the Middle East.

Although Australia enjoys comparative advantages in the production of many agricultural commodities, export markets for some are limited by policies of agricultural protection in importing countries. The Australian government participates in international arrangements designed to improve access to overseas markets and to help stabilize world prices.

Wheat

Wheat is Australia's most important crop in terms of area, value of output and value of exports. The average area sown to wheat is now around 11 million ha (27.17 million acres), more than half of the area sown to annual crops. Output in the past three years has averaged 15 million tons. Projection for the next five years is as much as 20-24 million tons, and 30 million tons by the year 2000.

Australia exports to about 60 countries. The most important export markets include China, Japan, Egypt and the Soviet Union, while increasing quantities of wheat are being sold to the Middle East and developing countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

In addition to commercial sales, Australia provides at least 400,000 tons of grain (mostly wheat) each year to developing countries as food aid.

Coarse Grains

The major coarse grain produced in Australia is barley. In the past three years production averaged 3.5 million tons with an average value of \$A396 million. The value of barley exports in the same period averaged \$A255 million, Japan and the Middle East are the main markets.

Oats production in recent years has averaged about 1.4 million tons, with about 30 percent of the crop exported.

The summer grain crops maize and grain sorghum are grown mainly in Queensland and New South Wales. In 1980-81 sorghum production totaled a little over one million tons and maize 110,000 tons. More than half of the sorghum crop has been exported in most recent years, mainly to Japan, while most of the maize produced is retained for use in Australia.

Sugar

In 1980-81 the value of sugar production in Australia was \$A805 million, making it Australia's second, most important crop. About 95 percent of Australia's sugar production comes from Queensland, with the remainder from New South Wales.

Other Crops

Australia's wide climatic variations allow cultivation of many types of fruit and vegetables, the value of which totaled \$A1 billion in 1980-81. Most of this production is consumed on the domestic market although there are significant exports of dried vine fruits, apples, peaches and pears.

Meat

Australian beef production peaked in 1977-78 at 2.2 million tons. By 1980-81 output had fallen to 1.5 million tons, valued at \$A2100 million.

Australia is currently the world's largest beef exporter, accounting for 40 percent of total world exports. In 1980-81 exports totalled 500,000 tons product weight.

Wool

Wool is one of Australia's leading rural industries. In most years wool has been the major agricultural export earner and is still one of Australia's biggest single export income earners.



MINING BAUXITE: Australian shepherds and boundary riders soon found that Australia's mineral wealth. "The minerals came to have a decisive impact on Australian development. Recent new discoveries have made mineral resources a major force in today's growth factor."

World demand sells India's diamonds

NEW DELHI (PTI)—India ranks third in the world export of diamonds. Meeting 70 percent of world demand for small diamonds, the industry in India enjoys a competitive edge over other exporting countries. The cutting industry, which uses a high labor-capital ratio, thrives on cheap labor available in abundance in the country.

The equipment employed by the workmen is simple, costing no more than Rs. 2500 (\$250) in the aggregate, cutting of small diamonds requiring greater labor is uneconomical in Western Europe as labor charges often exceed production cost targets. In Amsterdam, diamond coated bronze saws take an average of eight hours a carat to cut through this hardest mineral.

In India, diamond cutting is done mostly in the industrial towns of Surat, Navsari, and Bhavnagar in Gujarat State with Bombay city specializing in the processing of large diamonds.

The Indian government has provided cash incentives for the export of diamonds and with the growing demand in the world market the Indian subcontinent will probably continue to meet the large share it enjoys at present.

The year 1978-79 saw a record performance in the export of diamonds valued at Rs. 692.94 crores (\$692 million). The target for 1981-82 has been fixed at Rs. 700 crores (\$700 million) which is likely to be achieved

as the April-October period contributed over half the targeted amount.

The Indian exporter now sells diamonds directly to the United States, Hong Kong, Japan and other buyers. Only part of the sales is effected through Indian firms in Antwerp.

To boost the export of large diamonds a government-sponsored delegation was sent to Western Europe and the United Kingdom. It recommended the creation of special cells in banks and the extension of credit facilities to facilitate a switch from the small to the requirements of the large diamond industry.

The yield of polished diamonds at present is around 25 percent for the rough. For better shaped roughs the yield goes up to 35 percent and even higher.

Italians denounce Soviet reproach

ROME, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — The Italian Communist Party, in an initial reaction to criticism of its policies by Moscow, has suggested that the Soviet Union was incapable of discussing issues on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

An editorial in the Italian party newspaper *L'Unita* said it would reply in full Tuesday to criticism by the Soviet Communist daily *Pravda* made Sunday. The *Pravda* attack was the toughest ever directed against the Italian Communists and was seen as threatening relations spanning 60 years between the two parties.

L'Unita reprinted the full text of the unsigned *Pravda* article, which fiercely denounced the Italian party leadership under Enrico Berlinguer for denigrating the Soviet contribution to world socialism. The paper accused Italian Communist leaders of favoring what it called right-wing extremists from the Polish independent trade union Solidarity and dismissed Berlinguer's call for greater freedoms in eastern Europe.

L'Unita said "We must initially remark that the way the article was introduced, its arguments and tone, show that its authors are absolutely incapable of conducting a discussion on a basis of parity and reciprocal respect," the paper said in the front-page editorial.

The fact that the *Pravda* article was unsigned gave it the weight of authority, only slightly less official than a document bearing the seal of the Soviet party's central committee, *L'Unita* said. The *Pravda* article was a further display of "a method already used by the Soviet party in its dealings with other Communist parties which we have criticized so many times, even when it did not concern us directly," the paper added.

Berlinguer, in a speech in Milan last Saturday, said the Italian party would continue to follow a Marxist-Leninist line but totally rejected Lenin's identification of the party with the state.

Hitler planned giant railway across Europe, says author

BONN, Jan. 25 (AP) — Adolf Hitler's megalomania did not stop at giant rallies and oversized buildings, a new book has revealed. Hitler wanted to leave his mark on railways too — building a giant network of outsize tracks more than 9 feet (3 meters) wide from Russia to France.

The wagons running on them were to be eight times the size of traditional carriages, equipped and built like houses. The ceiling of the dining car was to be more than 16 feet (5 meters) high, the restaurant itself would feed 130 of the train's 1,728 passengers at one sitting.

The man who has now disclosed these and other details of the outsize project, Munich railway official Anton Joachimsthaler, first stumbled across the Fuehrer's plans for a giant railway three years ago.

According to a review in the West German magazine *Stern*, Joachimsthaler crisscrossed East and West Germany researching his book, just before the title *The Breitspurbahn* (wide track railway) of Hitler. The book says Hitler first hit upon the idea in 1941 in the euphoria of his initial success in battling Josef Stalin's Russia.

The late Albert Speer, chronicler of Hitler's megalomania after World War II and architect of the Fuehrer's plans to rebuild Berlin and other cities as monuments to his own glory, said giant stations planned for the outsize railway should "overcome or, rather, literally 'hit' (travelers) with the power of the Reich."

In May 1942, Hitler ordered his transport

ministry to work on plans for the outsize railway. Right until the end of World War II, planners slaved over the project — probably, as the *Stern* reviewer noted, saving their lives in the process since the work exempted them from military service.

The plans uncovered by Joachimsthaler eventually spun a network that was to link Paris to Moscow and Leningrad via Berlin, with branch lines connecting southward to Marseilles, Vienna and Belgrade, to Kiev, Rostov and the Black and Caspian seas. The planners eventually persuaded the Fuehrer to accept that visions of a gauge up to 16 feet (5 meters) wide were unrealistic, and he settled for tracks 9.75 feet (3 meters) apart.

But, *Stern* said, the engineers were not able to prevent an order in April 1943 that directed them to do away with the overhead electric cable which would power the giant train. "The electricity supply must be from the side or from below," Hitler commanded. He wanted to be able to use the train to transport munitions, and tanks and other equipment might get snarled in overhead power lines.

The incident offers further evidence of the megalomania first revealed in Speer's detailed memoirs of the Third Reich. According to *Stern*, Joachimsthaler sees this obsession with bigger being better in the railway project. "Everything's just big; technically, there is not much new," the magazine quoted the author as saying.

Hormones help protect women from cancer

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina, Jan. 25 (AP) — University of North Carolina scientists say they have new evidence that oral contraceptives containing the hormone progesterin as well as estrogen can help protect women from cancer of the uterus lining.

The study, published in the current issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, indicates that women who not use combination product oral contraceptives have at least twice the risk of developing endometrial cancer as those who do. The protective effect of the contraceptives increases the longer they are used and decreases once they have been discontinued, according to the report.

Estrogen is the female sex hormone. Progesterins are a group of hormones secreted by

the placenta and in the ovaries. Authors of the study are Barbara H. Hulka, Lloyd S. Chalmers and Bernard G. Greenberg of the UNC School of Public Health and David G. Kaufman and Wesley C. Fowler of the School of Medicine.

Miss Hulka, a professor of epidemiology, said the findings do not mean that women should begin taking oral contraceptives in the hope of avoiding endometrial cancer.

"That's because endometrial cancer is even less common than the uncommon side effect of oral contraceptives, which is the occasional formation of blood clots," she said. Normally, this cancer is a disease of older women after they have reached menopause.

Reddy regrets disregard of moral values

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (AFP) — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Monday appealed to all political parties in India to do some heart-searching to bring about a regeneration of moral values in public life.

"Unless we take immediate action to arrest the disregard of moral values in public life, people's faith in our political system will be undermined with consequences which are too frightening to contemplate," he warned. The president was making his customary broadcast to the nation on the eve of the country's 33rd Republic Day. He said it was his last broadcast, as he is leaving office in July after completing his five-year term.

Reddy said the nation had reason to feel satisfied that its democratic system had been working satisfactorily, and added, "the sad experience of countries which have been subject to continued political turmoil must serve as a warning to us." The president also spoke on other matters such as the government's economic achievements, difficulties faced by farmers and the unemployment situation.

Carlos begins visit to India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (AP) — King Juan Carlos and queen Sophia of Spain began a one-week state visit Monday to the booming of a 21-gun salute and a red carpet welcome from the Republic of India.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, other top India leaders and the diplomatic corps greeted the Spanish visitors, who include Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca. The royal party arrived in Bombay Sunday night and after an overnight stop there, continued to the capital for the state welcome.

Spain has "profound respect for human rights and democracy and... looks with great sympathy on the world's largest democracy, India," the king said in an airport address. "The Spanish people feel deep interest and affection for this great country and intense admiration for its cultural heritage."

Reddy welcomed the royal couple as friends of India and said their visit would "further deepen our commercial and economic ties." Both countries are dedicated to international peace and detente, the Indian president said.



PLANE WRECKAGE: The wreckage of a World Airways DC-10 jetliner lies in icy waters of Boston Harbor after the plane skidded off the runway while landing Saturday in heavy fog and freezing drizzle. In the background are the John Hancock buildings.

South Africans cautious

Mines endanger Namibians

OSHAKATI, Northern Namibia, Jan. 25 (AFP) — The people of Namibia's Ovambo district — ravaged by the war between SWAPO fighters and South African forces over the past several years — live in daily fear of land mines that have been littered around the region.

Located in the extreme northern corner of Namibia, the onetime colony of imperial Germany that has been administered by Pretoria since 1920, Ovambo is home to 450,000 people, nearly half of Namibia's total population. The 67,500-square-km district, sandwiched between Kaokoveld to the west and Kavangoland to the east, is the site for about 90 percent of the fighting in Namibia.

Twice last year — first in August and then in November — the South African Army and indigenous troops struck at what Pretoria claimed were bases of Sam Nujoma's Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) in southern Angola, inflicting heavy losses and capturing a large quantity of war materials.

Since then, the number of SWAPO raids in Namibia have diminished, but the number of land mine attacks has risen sharply and local residents now fear that a new, and more anonymous, form of guerrilla warfare has appeared.

A single road exists from the Ovambo district. It is the 200-km-long Oshana-

oshakati axis, which is "opened" each morning by the South African Army. At 7:30 a.m. local time, a convoy of trucks and private cars heads down the road, preceded by anti-mine vehicles stuffed full of soldiers.

Schooled by their own experience and that of the Rhodesians, the South Africans have built a series of specially designed mine-sweeping vehicles aimed at giving the troops the maximum chance of surviving a mine explosion. Perched high above its wheels, this vehicle has a reinforced protective bottom and armored windows.

The convoy moves slowly down the road. Some of the more impatient drivers race ahead on their own.

However, SWAPO fighters have sometimes in the past attacked such convoys, including trucks bearing inflammable liquids. Meanwhile, about 20 Finnish Lutheran missionaries who live along the Angolan border ignore such dangers in their daily circuit to transport people to the various hospitals and isolated schools.

On Jan. 7, one of the missionaries' ambulances hit a mine and was blown up. Three persons, including a pregnant woman, were killed and seven were seriously injured. All the victims were Ovambos.

Four days later, Mika Ilonka was killed in similar fashion near Ongandjera while he was carrying medicine and other goods to the hospital in that small village.

As a customary precaution, drivers try to stay on newly made tracks. In hopes that if the previous vehicle managed to pass safely, then they will have similar luck. But it is a nerve-wracking business. The SWAPO land mines are classic anti-tank explosives, and all are Soviet-made. They are wrapped in plastic or cartons to help prevent them from being detected.

Despite the South African precautions, the army increasingly prefers to travel by helicopter rather than by truck.

BRIEFS

LAREDO, Texas, (AFP) — Seven persons were killed Sunday when a light plane crashed on landing at Laredo airport. Airport authorities said the plane, a Cessna-402, dove into the runway.

AJACCIO, (AFP) — Time-bombs were placed inside three empty chalets in the French Foreign Legion camp of Cherabba but only one exploded early Monday, police said here. The camp is used for firing practice, but is unguarded when not in use. Two explosive charges of 1.4 kilos (3 lb.) each, linked to an alarm clock and timing device, were defused. No movement has claimed the attacks.

DACCA, (AP) — Khan Abdul Sahur, president of the Bangladesh Muslim League and a leading member of the opposition in the Bangladesh Parliament, died of asthma and heart disease here Monday. He was 74. After Bangladesh gained independence, he reorganized the Bangladesh Muslim League, a rightist political party, and was its president until his death.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, (AFP) — Three soldiers and one civilian were killed when two army vehicles crashed head-on Sunday at Garden of Eden, a village 32 kms south of here. Three other soldiers were injured.

PEKING, (AFP) — A high-powered Chinese military delegation leaves Peking Thursday for Bangladesh on a goodwill visit that will include "discussions of military cooperation, Asian diplomatic sources said Monday. The sources, who declined to be identified, said the Chinese delegation will be led by the deputy chief of general staff, Liu Huaqing, and will remain eight to 10 days in Bangladesh.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, (AFP) — Nine men including former defense chief Frederick Newton have now been charged with murder and attempted murder in Dominica, following last month's attempt to overthrow the Caribbean island's right-wing government.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — India will host a two-day meeting of information experts from nonaligned countries in New Delhi beginning Feb. 22. The meeting will draw up a long-term program of action for accelerating information exchanges among nonaligned countries.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, (AFP) — An earthquake measuring 6.2 degrees on the open-ended Richter Scale hit the desolate Aleutian Islands southwest of here. The epicenter of the tremor was situated some 90 kms southeast of Unalaska Island, according to civil defense authorities here. The quake was also registered at 0529 GMT Monday by the military observatory at Hagfors.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — The Indian Border Security Force opened fire on a gang of "armed miscreants" from Bangladesh and captured one at Singichhara on the international border along Tripura state Friday, it was reported Sunday. The Press Trust of India news agency reported from Agartala, Tripura's capital, quoting official information available there, that the firing was in "self-defense" when the BSF men were attacked by the gang. No one was reported wounded. The other gang members escaped.

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250 dead, 400 paralyzed

Spain toxic illness baffles medical men

MADRID, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Spanish and foreign medical experts are still completely baffled over the toxic agent in the cheap cooking oil which in nine months has caused 250 deaths and affected 17,000 persons leaving 400 of them paralyzed.

While there is general agreement that adulterated cooking oil is the cause of the tragedy, there is still a mystery about the actual toxic agent which caused it. Jose Martinez Genique, secretary of state for consumer affairs, has pointed out that the government still considers that the oil was "a vehicle" for the illness, but that other possible causes had not

been discounted.

The Higher Council for Scientific Research noted Monday that while industrial rapeseed oil was undoubtedly one of the toxic agents, it was not the only one. The mysterious illness, unprecedented in medical experience, is called "toxic pneumonia". The first symptom of a sufferer is muscular pain, followed by numbness and paralysis. The latest victim — the 250th — was a 12-year-old child who died in a Madrid hospital last Wednesday.

But why did the child die? The CSIC reported that the most deadly cooking oil that it had tested did not contain any rapeseed oil at all, but olive dregs and animal fats containing harmful ethyl acetates. Spanish analytical laboratories have also reported the presence of ethyl acetates, and full work on this agents is going on in French laboratories.

Spanish authorities have admitted that the mysterious factors of the toxic pneumonia have caused a certain demoralization among hospital staff who feel impotent to treat victims.

The number of new sufferers has greatly declined since police seized about three million liters of the suspect cooking oil. Meanwhile, opposition parties are returning to the attack, urging the government to explain what they plan to do to prevent further outbreaks of the illness, the worst case of poisoning in the history of Spain.

Soviet general foresees U.S. threat to peace

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (AFP) — The administration in Washington is heading for "a direct confrontation with the Soviet Union at both regional and world levels," Gen. Valentin Varennikov said Monday.

Speaking at a news conference held to introduce a Soviet Defense Ministry report on East-West military potential, the Soviet official said the United States was "still banking on preparations for a war involving strategic nuclear weapons." The report is entitled "Who is Threatening Peace?"

He dismissed outright the possibility of any "limited" nuclear engagement. "Such a conflict could only turn into a world nuclear conflict," he added. He said there was approximate parity between the Warsaw Pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and added that the Soviet Union was "doing nothing to upset the established strategic balance in the world."

"We are convinced that it is in the interest of both the United States and the Soviet Union to reach an understanding on the limitation of arms and on their drastic reduction," he said. "We believe world opinion is able to localize where the threat to peace is really coming from."

Gen. Varennikov warned that the Soviet Union had a "considerable military potential" and that "any attempt to obtain supremacy over it is doomed to failure."

50 die in Thai-Burma border drug war

BANGKOK, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — At least 50 persons have been killed in a running battle between Thai border police and the 1,000-strong private army of a Burmese drug smuggler, Thailand's top police official said Monday.

The drive began last week when the police, backed by helicopter gunships, moved against the army of drug warlord Chang Chee-fu, a Burmese national of Chinese origin who operates heroin refining factories along the rugged Thai-Burmese border. At least 10 tons of arms and other equipment, including automatic weapons, rifles, grenade launchers and medical supplies have been seized from the private army's stronghold, Police Director General Suraphol Chulaphram told reporters.

He said 32 rebels had so far been found dead and another 50 were believed to have been killed. Police casualties were 16 dead and 45 seriously wounded. The police chief said he had information that an unknown number of Chang's rebels on the Burmese side of the border plan to retaliate against Thai forces.

Meanwhile, Thai officials said Monday that a continuing, five-day battle against one of the kingpins of the heroin trade in the "golden triangle" will result in a sharp reduction of the drug on the world's illicit markets.

Chulaphram told a news conference that skirmishing continued Monday in the rugged Thai-Burmese frontier region of Thailand's Chiang Rai province. The police chief indicated

Huge seizure of arms

that sharp fighting might again erupt since Chang Chee-fu had sent some 1,000 soldiers from another border area to reinforce his battered forces near Baan Hin Taek.

Baan Hin Taek, just inside Thai territory, has been a longtime stronghold of Chang Chee-fu, who claims to be leading a liberation struggle of the Shan ethnic minority against the central government in Burma. But Thai and Western narcotics sources believe he controls as much as three-quarters of the trade in opium, from which heroin is refined in the border area of Thailand, Burma and Laos known as the "golden triangle." Last year the triangle produced roughly 600 tons of opium, or 60 tons of heroin, which flooded markets in Western Europe, the United States and Asia.

Gen. Pao Sarasin, who heads Thailand's narcotics control board, told the news conference that the Thai strike against Baan Hin Taek, which began last Thursday, could reduce the heroin outflow from Chang Chee-fu's operation by as much as 50 percent.

Chulaphram said "We learned a lesson from the past when as soon as we started planning an attack he would withdraw (to Burma)." "This time he did not know about the attack and took a big blow."

For years, Chang Chee-fu had been allowed to move back and forth across the Thai-Burmese border with impunity. In fact, a Thai border patrol police unit was stationed near Baan Hin Taek and maintained a live-and-let-live relationship with the Shan Uni-

ted Army.

But in 1980, a warrant was issued for his arrest and his position inside Thailand became more precarious. Many Western narcotics officials, while pressing the Thais to take tougher action against Chang Chee-fu, realized that uprooting him would take a major military operation and one in which the Thais could take serious casualties.

N. Korea attacks Chun's remark

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (AFP) — North Korea has strongly criticized South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan for what it called "treasonable" attempts at creating tension on the Korean peninsula.

Pyeongyang radio, monitored here, quoted an editorial Sunday in the North Korean Workers' Party organ *Rodon Shinun* as critical of a Chun remark Jan. 21 that North Korea was intensifying preparation for an all-out war against South Korea. The remark was a "provocation against North Korea," the editorial said.

The newspaper said: "When we North Korean people were endeavoring to achieve the peaceful unification of Korea, President Chun created tension by appealing to the South Korean people to prepare for an 'imaginary military invasion' from the North. This is an unpardonable treasonous act."

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With deficit mounting

Reagan tight-lipped over taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is waiting until the last minute to tip his hand on whether he will side with White House advisers telling him tax increases are the only way to check the ballooning federal deficit.

The president set aside most of Monday afternoon to work on the State of the Union speech he will deliver Tuesday night to a joint session of the House and Senate and a nationwide television and radio audience.

That speech is likely to provide the first public word on whether he will seek higher taxes on gasoline and "luxury" items. That question — to tax or not to tax — has been the focus of a major battle within the administration, with the president reportedly leaning first one way then the other.

"Tune in Tuesday night," Reagan told reporters who asked him about taxes Sunday afternoon as he returned to the White House from a weekend at Camp David. But there was little doubt that one theme of the speech will be what Reagan calls his "new federalism" approach of turning over to the states scores of programs that have been administered primarily in Washington.

Thus, the states would be responsible for the food stamp and aid to families with dependent children programs. In return, they would receive increased financing, from federal excise taxes, and the federal government would assume responsibility for the entire medical air program.

The Detroit news quoted unnamed administration officials Sunday as saying Reagan will call for elimination of federal excise taxes by 1990 so the states can have room to raise taxes on their own and take over federal programs. The news said Reagan "likely" would call for increases in excise taxes later this year but would propose Tuesday that he cut 25 percent a year starting in 1986.

The president's emphasis on "federalism" will be in the speech "in some format," said Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes. Several sources said it would be one of the major themes of a "wide-ranging" talk. The effort to reduce the scope of the federal government, while letting local and state authorities expand their jobs is "the cornerstone of what Reagan is all about," Speakes said.

Meanwhile, the 97th Congress returned to work Monday with its optimism drowned in red ink and legislators reluctantly talking of

election-year tax increases to trim projected deficits. That painful prospect comes within weeks of final votes on record tax and spending cuts that President Ronald Reagan and his followers in Congress had hoped would lead to a balanced budget.

"All the economic theory would say with the country in recession you don't need new taxes," Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr., a Republican from Tennessee, said Sunday. "But also, every fiber of my political body says that when you're facing a \$100 billion deficit you ought to try to do something about it."

Republicans and Democrats agree that election-year concern over an economy mired in recession, rising unemployment and projected record budget deficits will make it more difficult for Reagan to get this session of Congress to do his economic bidding. That atmosphere also could make it difficult for Congress to take any substantive action.

"It's likely to be a very highly partisan, volatile year," said another Republican, James R. Jones of Oklahoma, chairman of the House Budget Committee. "In a condition like that, responsibility and substance usually take a back seat."

Brazilian farmers cash in on Florida frost

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan. 25, (R) — When strong frosts destroyed a big part of Florida's orange crop last week not everyone was displeased. For Brazil it was good news.

Brazilian farmers took to orange growing so enthusiastically in the 1970s that Brazil became the world's largest juice exporter with a total crop approaching that of the United States.

But they overreached themselves and produced more than even the expanding world orange juice market could absorb. By the end

of 1980 Brazil had to stockpile concentrated juice.

But a bad frost hit Florida in January last year, the stockpile was sold and this year the Florida weather promises to help Brazil out again.

By January 10 the Brazilian stockpile, financed by the government, had reached 170,000 tons — compared with total exports in 1981 of 560,000 to 570,000 tons. But after last week's Florida freeze, according to Hans Georg Kraus, president of the Brazilian Citrus

Industries Association, U.S. and European buyers had snapped up virtually the entire amount within two days.

"From the information we have the frost was more or less the same as last year," he told Reuters. "It's true we have to wait a few more days to verify the extent of the damage, but it has to be good news for Brazil." However, Kraus warned that the frost had only taken care of current over-production and said Brazilian farmers should show good sense and not rush out and plant more fruit trees.

"We have to look at things realistically," he said in an interview. "The market grows gradually and our production has grown disproportionately."

Most of Brazil's oranges are grown in the rolling hills of Sao Paulo state, around the Tropic of Capricorn. The frosts which occasionally wreak havoc on southern Brazil's coffee or sugar crops rarely cause even slight damage to orange trees.

In the 1970/1971 crop year Sao Paulo's citrus production was 1.84 million tons, according to IEA figures. But 10 years later it had shot up to 7.35 million tons. The boom years for planting were between 1975 and 1978, caused partly by government reforestation incentives which made planting of perennial fruit trees profitable, Miranda Dos Anjos said. The incentives were later removed when authorities became concerned at the prospects of overproduction, and planting levels fell sharply from 1979, he said.

India's sixth plan virtually scuttled

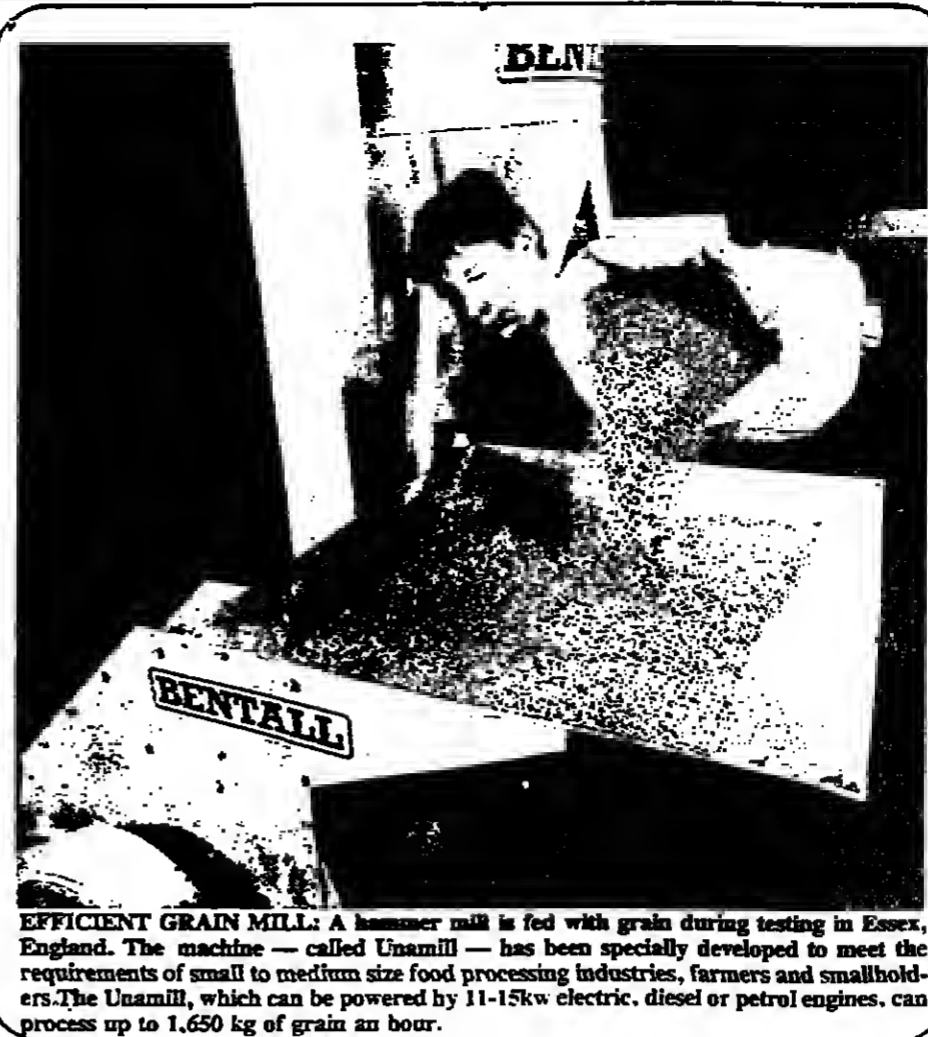
NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (PTI) — The recent decision at the meeting of the full planning commission, over which the prime minister presides, to prune and revise the sixth Five-Year Plan amounted in effect to the scuttling of the plan.

The Plan (1980-85) was finalized barely a year ago after the draft plan left behind by the Janata government had been rejected without a chance even to be presented to Parliament for approval. But it has already been knocked out of shape to respect of all its principal parameters. Its size in real terms has shrunk, its growth potential has lost its viability and credibility, and its investment priorities have been drastically changed.

The full planning commission merely sanctified what had already happened to the plan. It has merely re-ordered the plan priorities and investment allocations in the plan frame. Persistent inflation in the first two years of

the plan period have falsified the Plan projections based on 1979-80 price levels. The recovery in agricultural and industrial production and economic activity generally, which may appear to be impressive when related to the depressed levels of the year of drought (1979-80), has lagged far behind the plan targets. Calculations with respect to the availability of financial resources for plan investments have gone awry as too-plan, non-development of expenditure has relentlessly increased and eaten into resources available for development. There was thus no choice but to prune the plan and re-order priorities.

What is remarkable about the decision of the full planning commission last month, however, is the drastic and far-reaching nature of the revisions which have been ordered. It is proposed to concentrate the available resources on what is called the "core" sector.



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To bolster economy
Comecon urges war on waste

VIENNA, Jan. 25 (R) — As the world recession and high energy costs hit Eastern Europe, Soviet allies in the Communist trading bloc Comecon are stressing reform and war on waste to boost their economic performance.

Western diplomats and economic analysts here and in Eastern Europe said they expect a further slowing of Comecon economies this year, although East Germany could once again prove the exception. The Polish crisis rules out any firm predictions about economic developments there and, to a lesser extent, in its partners both because of the political uncertainty it has caused and the economic turmoil it has led to, they said.

A major brake on Comecon economies is the cut in Soviet energy supplies, they said. Senior Hungarian economic sources said last year that East bloc countries, except Poland, had been told to expect a reduction of 10 percent in Soviet energy deliveries.

The Soviet Union has cut energy deliveries because of rising costs of production in Siberia, a weakened world oil market and because it has diverted oil to Poland to its economy. The loss of Soviet oil to Warsaw is only one

of the adverse effects that the Polish economic collapse has had on its Comecon partners. Difficulties in delivering goods which may have been ordered by Poland years earlier have disrupted the inflexible centrally planned economies.

Warsaw's virtual inability to repay its enormous Western debt, now estimated at more than \$28 billion, has made many Western bankers reluctant to lend to other East European countries and deprived them of an important source of finance.

And Poland's political and social upheavals provide a grim warning of what may happen when a country cannot keep its people contented. However, one analyst here warned against attributing the difficulties experienced this year by most European countries to disruption in Poland. The problems caused by the loss of an expected load of Polish coal only serves to highlight a Comecon country's lack of foreign earnings and its inability to buy energy on the free market, he said.

The traditional Communist bloc means for growth, based on heavy capital spending and relying on earnings from Western trade, foreign borrowing and energy, are limited.

Cocom accused of bid to end East-West trade

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Last week's Paris meeting of Cocom, the Western body watching over exports to Communist countries, has been accused by the Soviet press of "trying to bring East-West trade relations to an end."

Affirming this, the Soviet daily *Sovetskaya Industriya* (socialist industry) said the body had stepped up controls over strategic exports to the USSR.

"However, American demands in this area are encountering opposition from West European countries, and West Germany first and foremost," it said.

West European nations and Japan had not followed the U.S. line on sanctions against Poland and the USSR. The West Europeans were bound to view Cocom as "an economic and political anachronism," it said.

The paper asked: "What technology could be strategic in character in the case of a country that launches orbital stations into space?" The Soviet Union used Western technology solely as a means of furthering and simplifying trade, not because it was incapable of producing this technology, it said.

Party newspaper *Pravda* commented: "Cocom was set up in the dark days of the cold war. It has been and remains an instrument for sabotaging business relations between the West and the Socialist countries."

It recalled: "Cocom's activities were reduced during the years of détente, but today the U.S. Pentagon and State Department have decided to resurrect this specter of the cold war and use it to increase sabotage of the economic ties between the capitalist and Socialist countries, under the pretext of events in Poland."

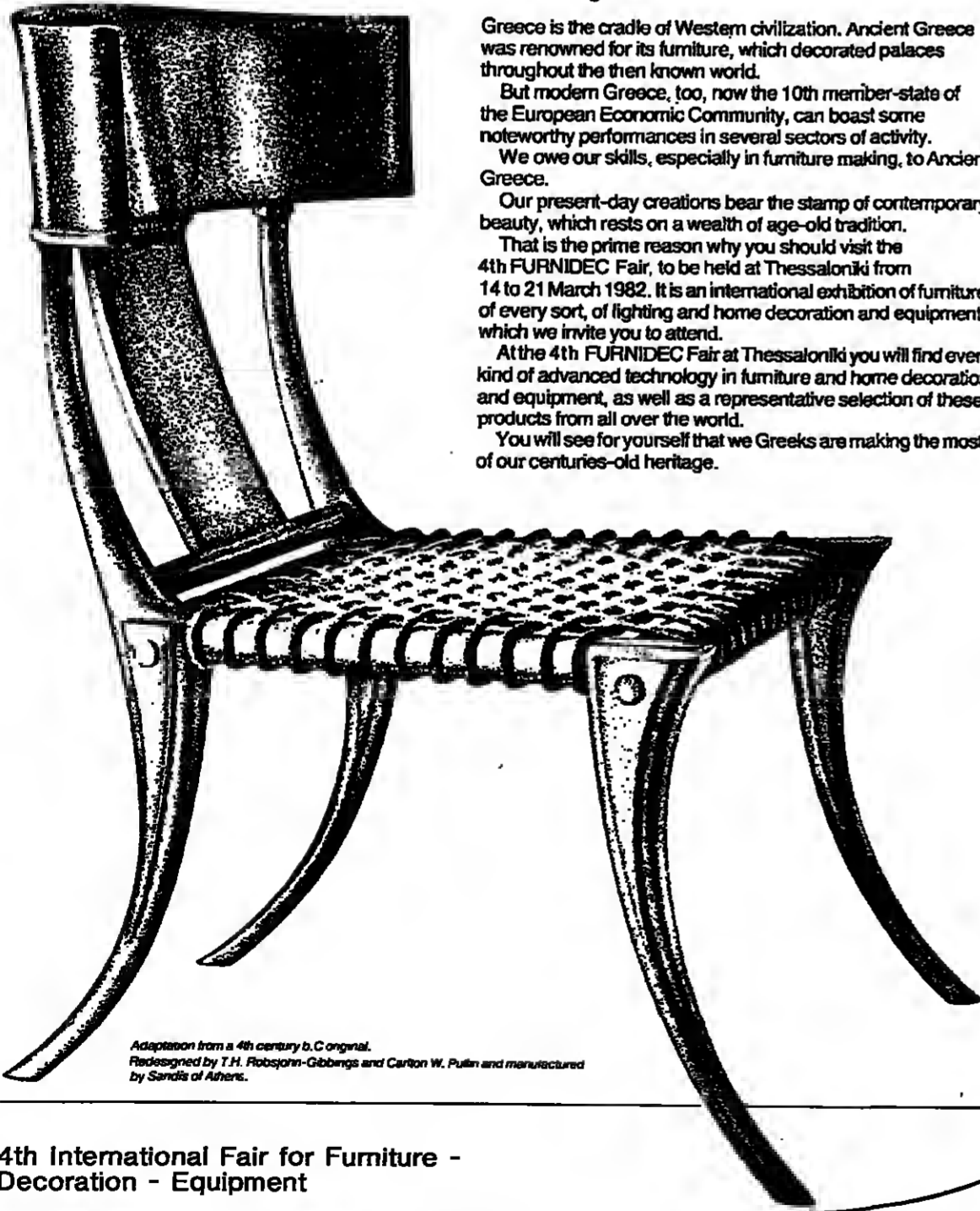
Citing French press reports, *Pravda* said the Paris meeting gave the go-ahead for new "black lists" designed to curb exports to the USSR by some \$2 billion a year.

Mackintosh seeks to acquire rival unit

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Rowntree Mackintosh, Britain's top chocolate and confectionary group, Monday issued a 75 million pound (\$140 million) bid for Huntley and Palmer, a leading maker of biscuits and cakes.

It already has 23.68 percent of Huntley and Palmer, but stock exchange sources thought a rival bid could be made, probably from Allied-Lyons, the foodstuffs group that has five percent of Huntley and Palmer.

The Huntley and Palmer share price jumped to 113 pence in early trading today. This was eight pence on top of the Rowntree Mackintosh offer. Rowntree Mackintosh proposes to boost Huntley and Palmer's business through its marketing know-how, its large international network and new investment.

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To allay West's fears

Poles set interest payment date

FRANKFURT, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Poland has informed Western banks it will be able to pay its interest for the final quarter of 1981 by mid-February, Dresdner Bank said here Monday.

For the quarter in question, total interest to some 500 Western banks came to \$500 million. But arrears currently total around \$250 million. The Western banks have been holding out for full interest payment, before deferring payment of \$2.4 billion debt principal that fell due in the final nine months of last year. Total Polish debt to Western governments and banks is put at \$26.5 billion by the

Warsaw authorities.

In New York, meanwhile, Citibank chairman Walter Wriston said Sunday that Poland had paid his bank some of the interest due on the country's 1981 debt in the past few weeks.

Walter Wriston also predicted Poland would be able to meet interest payments due on its total debt of approximately \$26 billion. Speaking on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," Wriston said the east European country, recently placed under martial law, had not paid all the interest it owed. He declined to say how much Poland owed the bank.

When asked if the country had given a timetable for further payments he said there's

EEC holds talks with Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (AP) — Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC) Monday started four days of meetings that precede high-level consultations to start Friday on ways to reduce Europe's large trade deficit with Japan, officials said.

The talks, held bi-annually to review bilateral trade, are being held at a time when Japan's trade surplus with the 10-nation community is at a record high. Japanese figures put the advantage at \$10.3 billion, up 10.8 percent over 1980.

The Brussels-based EEC commission calculates the deficit nearer to \$15 billion. Officials here explain the discrepancy to differences in accounting.

Officials said the Europeans are seeking a Japanese response to a list of requests made in Tokyo Dec. 9 for a moderation of Japanese exports and an increase in their imports from Europe.

One source identified "three sensitive areas" where the European side is seeking relaxation in Japanese exports — automobiles, color television sets and tubes, and machine tools.

European team arrives in Ankara

ANKARA, Jan. 25 (R) — A three-man delegation from the European parliament has arrived in Ankara for talks with Turkish officials.

The delegation of the political committee of the parliament, headed by West German Kai-Uwe Von Hassel, will discuss last month's suspension of European Economic Community (EEC) aid to Turkey's military government, officials said.

The funds were frozen after the much-criticized imprisonment of former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit. The European Parliament last Friday demanded the suspension of EEC aid to Turkey "until respect for human and civil rights and democratic liberties is once again restored." It also voted to suspend its participation in the joint Common Market-Turkey parliamentary committee until a Turkish national assembly has

as much confusion in the groups of financial institutions which is reflected in the press ... so and I don't believe there is any hard information until the transfers are made."

He said he "assumed" the Soviet Union was helping Poland pay off its debt interest, but said no one had hard facts to confirm that. And he defended continuing the loans, saying, "In my view, if someone were to call a default on that debt, you would illustrate very clearly to the Poles they have only one friend, Russia. And it doesn't seem to me to be too productive." He said he believed Poland would pay the interest owing but added there were very few instances in history of a government ever paying off debt.

They also are seeking further cuts in Japanese tariffs and removal of non-tariff barriers on a wide range of products, from food produce and beverages to chemicals and pharmaceuticals, said the official, who did not want to be named.

"We also would like to do more banking and insurance business here," said the official, who noted that among EEC exports to Japan, sales of gold for non-monetary use in 1981 rose to a little over \$1 billion, up a staggering 328.4 percent over 1980, making gold the largest single Japanese import from the EEC.

The EEC side at the preliminary round of talks is headed by Raymond Phan Van Phi, directorate of external relations of the EEC in charge of Japan. The Japanese delegation is led by Masaki Seo, deputy director general of the foreign ministry's economic cooperation bureau.

High-level consultations starting Friday will be held between Deputy Foreign Minister Nobuo Matsunaga and Sir Roy Denman, a veteran trade negotiator who is the EEC's director general for external relations.

been freely elected.

Von Hassel told reporters on his arrival at Ankara Airport that the decision of the European Parliament was not final and would not affect the work of the political committee. He said the vote was a hasty one and was taken as the parliament session was ending Friday when most of the members were absent.

The delegation will draw up a report on Turkey to be submitted to the full parliament after it has been discussed by the political committee.

The group will meet head of state General Kenan Evren, the chairman of the Turkish consultative assembly, Sadi Irmak, Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen and Defense Minister Haluk Bayulken.

The delegation, which will leave Turkey on Jan. 27, includes the secretary of the political committee, Pascal Fournier, and West German Christian Democrat Gerd Lemmer.

SAS strike hits flights in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25 (AP) — Striking Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) employees lifted a blockade Monday of all SAS flights from Copenhagen, but incoming flights were not likely to resume until Tuesday at the earliest, airline officials said.

An SAS press spokeswoman said non-striking ground personnel were readying about 20 airplanes grounded by the Monday morning action for delayed departures in the afternoon.

She said the 1,600 strikers announced only that they were lifting their blockade of SAS flights, but gave no indication when the strike might be over.

SAS officials said they had no idea when normal service out of Copenhagen could be resumed for SAS, a joint company of the national airlines of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The blockade started in the morning as airplane mechanics, technicians and freight handlers refused to service SAS departures at Kastrup Airport.

By early afternoon, SAS officials announced they were stopping all incoming SAS flights by rerouting them to other Scandinavian and north European airports. A SAS press spokeswoman said the action stranded or delayed thousands of SAS passengers in Copenhagen and other points although the airline was trying to find seats for their customers on other airlines which were not directly affected by the blockade. She said SAS on weekdays flies in and out of Kastrup Airport about 200 times.

The action by SAS' Copenhagen-based blue collar employees was a protest after two weeks of talks broke down last Friday over a pay dispute between the wage earning personnel and SAS management. A spokesman for the workers, Bjarne Larsen, said he had no idea how long the strike would last.

Kuwait lends 3 states \$38m

KUWAIT, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development extended Monday three loans totaling \$38.5 million to help finance development projects in North Yemen, Jordan and Mozambique.

The first loan of \$14 million went to North Yemen for financing that country's industrial bank's operations, said the fund. The loan is to be repaid over 19 years, with a four-year period of grace, and carries a 3.5 percent annual interest rate.

The second, of \$21 million, will partially finance an electrification project in Jordan, to be repaid over 24 years with a four-year period of grace and a 3.5 percent annual interest rate. Mozambique got a \$3.5 million, 25-year loan with a three-year period of grace and carries annual interest rate of 2.5 percent, according to the fund.

France nears accord on gas deal with Algeria

PARIS, Jan. 25 (R) — France was close to agreement with Algeria on a major gas contract Monday but criticism was mounting over a similar French deal with the Soviet Union.

Industry sources said the state firm Gaz De France (GDF) was on the verge of settling a two-year disagreement on a new gas price with Algeria's Sonatrach Company, clearing the way for it to double supplies to about nine billion cubic meters per year.

Taken together, the new Algerian contract and the accord signed Friday with the Soviet Union for supplies from a planned Siberian pipeline will ensure about 55 percent of France's gas needs in the second half of this decade.

While the Algerian deal is expected to go through without controversy, the contract with Moscow has provoked condemnation from both right and left-wing critics who see it conflicting with France's attitude to events in Poland. Jacques Chirac, re-elected this weekend as leader of the Neo-Gaullist Party and effectively leader of France's opposition, said the Socialists' "no longer have the right to speak to the Poles about human rights and hope."

The 25-year contract, signed in the face of calls by the United States for reduced trade with the Soviet Union, was attacked as inopportune by the CFDT Trade Union Confederation, the government's main union ally. "Without any doubt, this operation weakens the impact of the policy of France and its European partners toward the Polish situation and the strategy of the Soviet Union," a senior CFDT official said.

The influential newspaper *Le Monde* said the agreement, under which France will receive an additional eight billion cubic meters of

gas per year from 1984, would confirm for the Polish people that "they have nothing left to hope for from the West except for a few charitable gestures." The normally pro-Socialist daily, *Le Matin*, pointed out the gas negotiations were opened in July, 1980, under former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

It was only hypocritical to criticize the timing of the contract once the principle of trading with the Soviet Union had been accepted. Giscard d'Estaing's own UDF grouping denounced the contract as a stab in the back for

Dollar chalks up big gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — The dollar opened on a strong note on Monday in the European markets, and maintained its strength for most of the day against the other major currencies. The yen fell sharply to 229.00 levels from 227.10 closing levels on Friday. While the British pound dropped another cent to the dollar.

In the bullion markets, gold continued its downward drift to trade at \$370 per ounce — which takes it down another \$7 in the past week. In the local markets, rial deposit rates remained firm but surprisingly with few transactions being reported out of Jeddah. Short tenors continued to be in demand however and dealers were awaiting to see if the dollar's rally could be sustained in New York Monday night.

Eurodollar interest rate rises were the key factors Monday, as it had been throughout the past week, in pushing the dollar up against all other currencies. Despite a modest rise in the money supply figures for last Friday, most money market operators were still calculating the effects of the huge increase in money supply the previous week (\$9 billion increase) and the shock waves it sent throughout the market. Federal Reserve Board "Fed Funds" rates have not come down below 13 percent since the release of those large money supply figures, and most market watchers expect to see an increase in commercial bank prime lending rates soon. At present, these range from 15% to 15 1/2 percent amongst leading U.S. Banks. The dollar was also affected by the interest lowering trend that seems to have affected some European countries — notably Britain and West Germany. This has led to an interest differential favoring the dollar, of more than 3 percent in most tenors. The

one year dollar rate is now quoted at 15 1/2-16 percent while in the short tenors, the one month is quoted at 14 1/2-14 percent.

In the European bourses, the German mark fell back to 2.3390 levels at one stage Monday, against 2.30 levels at weekend. The British pound also fell back to 1.8510 levels from 1.8650 earlier in the day. Similar gains were registered by the dollar against the French franc (5.9410), the Swiss franc (1.8680) and the Japanese yen (229.75). The yen in particular seems to be receding toward the 230 levels after it seemed that the Japanese currency would stay firm from the New Year levels of 216.00 that it reached then.

In the local markets, spot rial/dollar rates were quoted at 3.4195-05 for most of the day, with surprisingly few deals being struck despite the dollar's rises on the European exchanges. Commercial demand for the dollar was reported as "moderate" and dealers were cautious in not pushing up their bid rates for the dollar throughout the day. This mood of cautiousness also characterized the money markets, and despite some rises in short-term fund rates, rial deposit levels remained unchanged. One-month JIBOR levels opened at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent, but went down by about 1/8 percent by close of the trading session. One-week fixed-fund rates were traded at 12 1/2-13 percent while the one-year rate opened at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 372.00
Paris 367.48
Frankfurt 375.01
Zurich 371.50
Hong Kong closed

Tehran offers Tokyo \$541m loan

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Iran has proposed loaning \$541 million to Japan to resume construction of the \$3 billion petrochemical project in southern Iran, Iran's official news agency reported Monday.

It quoted the undersecretary of the Iranian Oil Ministry Mostafa Taheri, as saying in an interview with the daily economic newspaper *Bours*, that the loan would be paid to continue building the last 15 percent of the plant in the port city of Bandar Khomeini, plus damages rendered to the complex by the Iran-Iraq war, now in its 16th month. The site has been bombed five times.

Taheri said that Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi will hold talks with the Japanese Mitsui group and other shareholders soon in Tehran. It will be the third round of talks since the suspension of the construction shortly after the 1979 revolution in Iran. Japan, however, has not given its response to the loan offer. Taheri said adding that the Japanese partners lacked funds.

Taheri said the government of Iran decided to supervise all industrial projects, including the Iran-Japan complex and the Shiraz fertil-

izer expansion project. Iranian petrochemical experts in Shiraz, in southern Iran, are continuing the work of foreign contractors from 13 European companies who have left Iran but who still provide technical aid to Iranian experts, Taheri said without giving details.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Monday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	286.00
Canadian Dollar	—	146.75	146.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	134.25	133.95	133.95
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.93	3.93
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	93.15
French Franc (100)	57.75	57.55	57.55
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	57.55	57.55
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.25	37.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	6.50	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.60	28.40	28.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	10.02	14.85	14.85
Jordanian Dinar	12.05	9.95	9.95
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.05	12.05	12.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	72.25	72.10	72.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	63.25	63.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.32	33.32
Philippines Peso (100)	41.95	41.95	41.95
Pound Sterling	6.40	6.35	6.35
Omani Rial (100)	94.00	94.05	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	165.65	165.65
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	30.40	30.40
Swiss Franc (100)	183.70	183.30	183.30
Syrian Lira (100)	58.70	63.50	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	3.422
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

Selling Price
Gold kg. 41,200
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Ounce 1,325
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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Asyah Municipality	Temporary surfacing in Asyah	261/5	500	6-2-82
" " "	Laying of pipes	41/11	300	30-1-82
Eastern Province Education Department	Maintenance of the ventilation, cooling and electric power network as well as the water pipes of some Eastern Province schools	23	200	31-1-82

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENT UP TO 0700 HOURS ON 30TH RABI AL AWAL 1402/ 25TH JANUARY 1982

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arri.
3	Hilco Skater	Star	Fruit	22-1-82
4	Gleamakis	Star	Durra/Groundnuts	20-1-82
7	Reefar Princess	Attar	Chickens/General	21-1-82
10	Theekar	Kanoo	Gen/Contrs/Steel	24-1-82
11	Elhawi Star	Elhawi	Timb/Tiles/General	"
12	Cher Ching	Abdallah	Contrs/Timber/Gen.	20-1-82
14	Iffco — 1	Star	Froz. Meat/Fish	23-1-82
15	Safina Najd	Gulf	Bananas	21-1-82
19	Kiwi Arrow	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	23-1-82
20	Sumadija	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	22-1-82
22	Al Shiddatlah	Kanoo	Units/Rice/General	24-1-82
23	Al Ribarat	Globe	Units/General	"
24	Odysseus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement/Mty Bags	"
25	Tarifa	Barber	Contrs/Gen/RoRo	"
27	Sarifos	M.T.A.	Fish/Poultry/Meat/Gen	21-1-82
28	Cherry Lanka	Shobokshi	Gen/Bag & Can Food	24-1-82
30	Ionniss	Alpha	Timbar	21-1-82
35	Clara Meersk	Kanoo	Containers	25-1-82
38	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Apples	23-1-82
39	Sattam	Najd	General	24-1-82
41	Nawaf	Najd	Contrs/Timber/Gen	23-1-82
42	Chi Yuen	SSMSC	Rice/Maltz/Beans	20-1-82
43	Imperial Star	M.E.S.A.	Timb/Timber/Barley	17-1-82

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Safina-e-Rehmat	SCSA	Bagged Durra	24-1-82
Al Rabat	Globe	Contrs/General	"
Ydr	Alsaada	Gen/Contrs/Pipes/Salt	"
Al Idadiah	Kanoo	Units/Rice/General	"
El wi Star	Elhawi	Timb/Tiles/General	"
Amal	Sadaka	To Load Cars	"
Irini Sk	Alsaada	Barley	"
Nedlloyd Rouen	Alatas	To Load Mty.	"
Karat	Kanoo	Containers	"
Grigory Petrenko	A.E.T.	Contrs/Ldg. Mty	"
Ever Handsome	Alqosaihi	Contrs/Gen/RoRo	"
Tarifa	Barber	Contrs/Gen/RoRo	"
Clara Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	25-1-82
Mahmoudy	Elhawi	Containers	24-1-82
Liverpool Bay	Samaco	Containers	25-1-82
Professor Szafer	Kanoo	Containers	"
Puerto Cadiz	O.C.E.	Citrus	"

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SHIP MOVEMENTS Monday 30.3.1402/25.1.82

Barth	Nama of Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arri.
2	Concordia Star	Alsaada	Gen. Cargo/Steel	24-1-82
3	Melji Maru	Gulf Agency	Gen. Cargo/Steel	24-1-82
4	El Challenger	AET	Contrs/Gen Cargo	22-1-82
5	El Champion	AET	Gen. Cargo/Steel	24-1-82
Anch.	Zanilla	Barber	Bulk Cement	21-1-82

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The U.S.-Japanese company Alumex is considering purchase of the Invergordon smelter in Scotland, which British Aluminium shut down last month, Ian Macgregor, chairman of the state group British Steel, said Monday. Closure of the 102,000 tons a year smelter was decided because of a fall in international rates for aluminium and high electricity costs in Britain.

DARES SALAAM, (AFP) — The International Development Association (IDA), a World Bank affiliate, has approved an interest-free loan of 160 million shillings (\$20 million) to finance Tanzania's second-phase oil and gas exploration project, it was reported here Monday.

The loan is to be repaid over a period of 50 years following an initial 10-year period of grace. The money will help finance the cost of drilling three test wells on Songo Songo to help determine the size of the deposit.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — An Indian textile mill at Ahmedabad is to undertake the management of a textile mill now being built in Nigeria, it was reported Sunday.

London commodities

	Closing Prices
Gold (\$ per ounce)	372.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	419.00
3 months	433.50
Copper cash	851.25
3 months	878.75
Tin cash	8698.00
3 months	8035.00
Lead cash	353.00
3 months	362.75
Zinc cash	442.75
3 months	450.25
Aluminium cash	601.15
3 months	624.50
Nickel cash	3082.00
3 months	3115.00
Sugar March	179.45
May	180.80
Coffee March	117.00
May	117.00
Cocoa March	1202.00
May	1181.00

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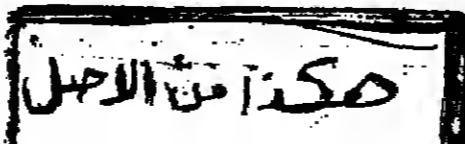
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As Montana strikes top form

49ers snatch maiden Super Bowl crown

PONTIAC, Michigan, Jan. 25 (AP) — Joe Montana, displaying the guile and flare of a riverboat gambler, engineered two long touchdown drives after San Francisco's youthful secondary swiped the ball from the Cincinnati Bengals, and the 49ers rolled to a 26-21 victory Sunday in Super Bowl XVI.

Montana, executing coach Bill Walsh's innovative offense with electrifying ease, and a spate of turnovers which kept Cincinnati off the scoreboard, helped the 49ers roll to a record 20-point halftime lead.

The Bengals roared to life behind quarterback Anderson in the second half scoring on his 5-yard run and two passes to tight end Dan Ross. But the difference was a goaline stand of epic proportions in the — third period by the San Francisco defense the third time Cincinnati had been denied so much as a point within 10 yards of the 49ers' end zone.

Ultimately, it was that defense that carried the 49ers to one of the most remarkable turnarounds in National Football League history. The team, which just two years ago had staggered through its second consecutive 2-14 season, reached the pinnacle this time — its first Super Bowl Championship.

Montana, in only his third year in the NFL, outplayed Anderson, his veteran counterpart on the Bengals, in the first half. He scored the 49ers first touchdown on a 1-yard dive, then passed 10 yards to fullback Earl Cooper for a second score.

Each was set up by a Cincinnati turnover deep in San Francisco territory. Free safety Dwight Hicks, the only veteran in the 49ers' secondary, intercepted on Anderson pass at



Ken Anderson ... talks in vain.

the 5-yard line and ran it out of danger to the 32. In 11 plays, one of them a flea flicker pass good for 14 yards, Montana put the 49ers on the scoreboard with 5:52 remaining in the opening period.

And 2 1/2 minutes into the second quarter, after Anderson had drilled a pass to Cris Collinsworth at the 49ers 8-yard line, Ric Wright stripped the ball from the Cincinnati wide receiver and fellow rookie cornerback Thomas pounced on the fumble. Twelve plays later, Montana's flare pass to Cooper, climaxed the 92-yard scoring drive, the longest in Super Bowl history. It surpassed by 3 yards one by Dallas in Super Bowl XIII.



Pete Johnson ... kept at bay

Having broken one Super Bowl record, the 49ers proceeded to shatter another, scoring on two Ray Werschling field goals just 13 seconds apart in the final minute of the first half. The first, a 22-yarder, came 15 seconds short of halftime. Then, on the kickoff, Cincinnati's Archie Griffin fumbled the ball, and so did his brother Ray. Milt McColl fell on it for the 49ers, and, after an illegal procedure penalty pushed them back 5 yards, Werschling kicked a 22-yarder with two seconds left on the clock.

And the two field goals gave them a 20-0 lead, the most lopsided halftime score in Super Bowl history. The Miami Dolphins had

a 17-0 lead in route to their 24-7 victory over Minnesota in Super Bowl VIII.

Bengals hurt throughout at the start of the third period with quarterback Ken Anderson making five-yard scoring run after Cincinnati had move the ball 83 yards in nine plays. They controlled the play for the third period, being stopped on the one-yard line in the final two minutes when Pete Johnson three times tried to score from just one yard out.

They, however, scored in the fourth minute of the final period when Anderson found tight end Dan Ross with a four-yard touchdown pass to cut the 49ers' lead to 20-14 with 20:06 to play, and San Francisco's situation was suddenly very precarious. The 49ers offense, which had turned sluggish and conservative, woke up again behind Montana's 22-yard pass to Mike Wilson and Ricky Patton's key runs to set up Werschling's third field goal, a 40-yard boomer with 5:25 to play.

Then Wright, the rookie right cornerback, nailed the spike in the Bengals' coffin, intercepting Anderson near midfield and racing 25 yards to the Cincinnati 22-yard line. From there, it was just a matter of time, and the 49ers ate it up. They stayed on the ground as the seconds ticked away, punching slowly, steadily toward the end zone.

Finally, with 1:57 to go, they put away this first snowbelt Super Bowl as Werschling kicked his fourth field goal, a 23-yarder. Anderson drove the Bengals to one more score, a 3-yard pass to Ross in the middle of the end zone as the 49ers' defense laid back during the entire match, looking to avoid the bomb.



Kim Hughes: "Age is telling on our bowlers."



Dennis Lillee: "Hughes should look at his own form."

Lillee-Hughes at loggerheads

Discord in Aussie team

SYDNEY, Australia Jan. 25 (AP) — Desperate to restore some prestige from the debris of the weekend's two World Series Cup defeats, Australia faces the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday night over Kim Hughes' statement that the Australian pacemen are too old.

The last thing the Australians need as they go into the vital third final at the SCG on Tuesday is ill feeling in a team already taking it on the chin from the West Indians. Hughes said at the end of Sunday's rout of Australia by West Indies in the heat of Melbourne Cricket ground: "Age is beginning to tell on our bowlers."

This brought a quick rejoinder from paceman Dennis Lillee: "Kim Hughes would be better off looking at his own form before pointing the bone at me or any other of the Australian fast bowlers."

Hughes continued: "The heavy season is starting to tell on our older bowlers, who are all over 30. We need some young blokes to come in — I don't know where we are going to get them — off the beaches, anywhere." Hughes was deputising for his heat-fatigued skipper Greg Chappell and said it was time a new era of fast bowlers was found. Lillee slammed back: "Let's find a few fast

bowlers around Australia who can bowl out the West Indies for 129 — and then when our batsmen can make 130 runs, we will win the match." Lillee conceded that Hughes had said the current crop had been carrying the attack for ten years. But he said that he was surprised that he had criticized the Australian fast attack — "especially after our batsmen had made two 'mammoth' scores of 130 and 107 in the two one day matches on the weekend."

Meanwhile, Australian selectors called brilliant Queensland stroke-maker Greg Ritchie into a now 13-strong squad. Ritchie, a 22-year-old right hander, is a real hasher and his inclusion suggests Australia will fight fire with fire Tuesday night.

Ritchie has been added to the Australian squad because of doubts over whether Kim Hughes will play. Hughes is in severe doubt with a badly bruised big toe on one foot — a legacy of his first ball low dismissal to Joel Garner in Melbourne on Sunday. He will make a decision before play gets under way but said, "I can hardly walk at the moment."

Australian selectors have already brought left-hand batsman David Hookes into their team. Hookes is certain to play whether Hughes is fit or not.

Indian Blues scramble home

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — 1395 paid dearly for its fielding lapses. Its opponents, Indian Blues, profited most from its poor fielding as 1395 let the match literally slip out of its grasp in its opening campaign of the Binzagr Benson and Hedges Cricket League last weekend.

Indian Blues, making the first use of the strip, was sedate in its approach. But once the fielders began aiding them with a display of butter fingers, slack movement and inaccurate throws, the Indians took bold measures. Its total advanced rapidly and saw it finish with 144 in its 22 overs.

Javed, whose contribution was 39, topped the Indians with Nassar (27) and Ifthikhar (23 not out) providing useful assistance. For 1395 Cobb proved to be the most successful bowler with figures of three for 17, while Amin and Penn finished with two for 29 and two for 20 respectively.

1395 began its reply cautiously. And a sound 48-run opening stand between Southworth and Penn provided the necessary base for it to make a match of it. But the later batsmen could not pick up the rate and could manage only 128 for six wickets and give the Indians its first victory of the league. Southworth (26) and Penn (32) were the successful

hatsmen, while Mushatq (3 for 20) was the main Indian bowler.

In another close encounter, Shalimar prevailed by 23 runs over Petromin. Shalimar, batting first, was off to a good start with Shafiq (58) and Saleem (21) scoring at will. And another fine innings by Afaq (43) consolidated the Shalimar innings. Shalimar's target of 160 made at the cost of seven wickets in 22 overs looked invincible with Petromin tottering at 49 for five wickets.

But the advent of Rana, who bagged two wickets for 21 runs in Shalimar's innings, changed the complexion of the game. The Petromin's score started to progress in leaps and bounds with Rana employing the long handle. But an accurate throw ended his adventurous vigil and also saw the slump of Petromin's innings. Rana's 43 runs was peppered with seven hits to the fence and has taken Petromin to 127. But the remaining batsmen could add only 20 more runs to the tally.

Bank Jazirah proved no match to Pak Saudi. Though Pak Saudi had early alarms, when it opted to bat first. But Asim with a splendid 48 and Khalil (32) led a middle-order fightback. Later, Rizwan slammed a breezy 36 to enhance Pak Saudi's tally to 167 for seven wickets. The Bankmen could muster only 38 runs in 14 overs with Asim returning with four for nine and Rizwan taking three for two.

John Nunn regains top berth in chess

WIJEN-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Jan. 25 (AP) — Britain's John Nunn regained his position as sole leader in the standings of the 44th annual Hoogovens Chess Tournament after drawing his eighth-round game against Lubomir Kavalek of the United States Sunday.

The draw, Kavalek's eighth in the tournament, came after barely two hours of play at the end of a series of 15 moves from the Gioco Piano. Holland's John Van Der Wiel, who shared the top spot with Nunn at the outset of Sunday's action, fell back to second place after losing his game against Brazilian champion Jaime Sunye-Neto.

The Brazilian played white in a subtle line from the English Opening and slowly worked his way to a superior position. Van Der Wiel tried to complicate the game, but Sunye-Neto maintained the advantage and clinched victory at his 38th.

Sharing second place with Van Der Wiel were Yuri Balashov of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's Vlastimil Hort. Balashov played black in a French defense to overcome New Zealand's Murray Chandler in 44 moves, while Hort had to settle for a draw with White after 29 moves from a Ruy Lopez against Yugoslavia's Predrag Nikolic.

Holland's Hans Ree won his adjourned game from the previous round against former world champion Mikhail Tali of the Soviet Union, but had to accept a draw against U.S. grandmaster Larry Christiansen in eighth-round action.

Khalid slams unbeaten 205 for PCC

Batsmen excel in Eastern Province League

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Jan. 25 — Batsmen ruled the roost as four centuries emphasized the domination in the UNENCO Marketing-Slazzenger's League conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

The batsman to steal the glory from the others was Khalid Nabi. The one-drop Petromin Cricket Club (PCC) batsman seemed to continue from where he had left off the previous week. He slammed a splendid double century at Dhafran, following his 134 against Saudia (EP), to lead his side to an insurmountable total of 343 for three wickets against UPM 1 in the allotted 30 overs.

Though UPM 1 failed in its bid to surpass PCC's target, it, however, salvaged a measure of pride with its openers Barry Walker and John Charman retaliating fittingly. The efforts of the two batsmen also fetched UPM with two batting bonus points with Walker completing a century in Khalid's shadow.

Khalid Nabi was really in his element. With PCC opting to take first strike, Khalid got the opportunity of having a go at the hapless UPM bowlers as early as the second over. He began sedately and posted his first hundred in 22 overs with a perfect blend of defense and aggression. But once crossing the three-figure mark, Khalid tore the UPM bowling apart with a superb display of power.

He raced to his second 100 in just ten overs and his unbeaten knock of 205 contained eight sixers and 26 boundaries. It was not

only Khalid's show, but Imran Manzour and skipper Iqbal Merchant had to take the back seat against Khalid's stupendous performance. Manzour and Merchant chalked up 61, with a six, and 47, with one six, respectively in PCC's mammoth tally.

UPM was not cowed down by the challenge thrown by its rival. And Barry Walker and John Charman stroked boldly and freely to put the PCC on a leather hunt. However, Charman was felled by an awkward delivery and he retired from the proceedings after 23 overs, contributing 65 which included a sixer. Walker carried on undaunted and finished with an unbeaten 112, inclusive of five sixers and 13 hits to the fence, to enable his side to end the day on 211 for no loss and on a note of pride.

Arabian Eagles' streak continued unabated when it routed Fluor Arabia by 114 runs. Batting first, its batsmen set them on the road to victory with Ghulam Shabir leading the run riot. Shabir's handsome innings of 109 was put to shade by a breezy 87 (with

three sixers and nine fours) from Hassan Ali and a stylish unbeaten 61 (with five sixers and four fours) from Karim Jan. The Eagles totaled 308 for four wickets.

Lahore was the other side to go on a run spree as its batsmen gave it the additional two bonus points with a hard-hitting display at Al-Khobar. Saleem Raza, who failed to reach his century in the previous week's encounter, had the satisfaction of crossing the coveted figure against Saleem. Saleem 113, Pervaiz 44. Aftab Alam 30 and Tariq Majid 26 formed the backbone of Lahore's 265 for seven wickets. Saleem was shot out for a mere 75 with Azhar Hassan (5 for 26) and Aftab Alam (2 for nine) running through its innings.

UPM SSF scored a facile 142-run verdict over Bechtel Al-Khobar Cricket Club at Al-Khobar. The architect of UPM's victory was Dr. S. Beg, who was unlucky to miss his century for the second consecutive week. He made 92 not out as the quantum of overs ran out. Bechtel Al-Khobar was skittled out for 100.

Brief scores

Petromin CC 343 for 3 wts. in 30 overs (Khalid Nabi 205 n.o., Imran Manzour 61, Iqbal Merchant 47; John Charman 1 for 26, Mohd Aleem 1 for 51) beat UPM 121 for no loss in 30 overs (Barry Walker 112 n.o., John Charman 65 ret'd. hurt, Masood Raza 15 n.o.).

Karachi Gymkhana CC 190 in 30 overs (Arif Gul 35, Azhar 31, Wahid 29, Rashid 28, M. Ahmed 2 for 39, Suidren 2 for 9) Bechtel Cricket Club of Jubail 104 in 25 overs (A. Ansari 30, S. Khan 18; Arif Gul 4 for 15, P. Ahmed 2 for 22).

Lahore Cricket Club 265 for 7 wts. in 30 overs (Saleem Raza 113, Pervaiz 44, Aftab Alam 30, Tariq Majid 26, Muzammil 2 for 27, L. N. Supra 2 for 65) beat Saleem 75 in 22.6 overs (Salim Haidef 19, Wajid Tanweer 17, Azhar Hassan 5 for 26, Aftab Alam 2 for 9).

YFCC 155 for 8 wts. in 30 overs F. Akhtar S. 61, Dilawer Bardey 26; Ifthikhar Ahmed 2 for 19, M. Bhajji 2 for 34) beat BAC CC 150 for 9 wts. in 30 overs (M. Kaleem 24, M. Weerabangsa 23, M. Fahmi 22, Ifthikhar Ahmad 22 n.o., D.I. Ghazali 2 for 23, S. Jameel 2 for 39).

Arabian Eagles 308 for 4 wts. in 30 overs (Ghulam Shabir 109, Hassan Ali 87, Karim Jan. 61 n.o., Imtiaz Eunice 26) Fluor Arabia CC 194 in 28.3 overs (Jamsheed Mir 70, Murtaza 25, Salman 19, Humayoon Iqbal 3 for 25, Ghulam Shabir 2 for 4, Naem Siddiqui 2 for 69).

Aramco Abqaiq CC 97 in 23 overs (Kausar 41; Ijaz 4 for 24, Gulraz 4 for 25, Shahbaz 2 for 9) lost to Abqaiq GCC 100 for 2 wts. in 13 overs (Shahbaz 35, Ahmed Warris 35 n.o., Anjum 2 for 38).

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10 Cuchullin's wife
11 Peanut
13 FDR's
14 Scottie
17 Phonograph track
18 Japanese statesman
19 Half a sawbuck
20 Vitality
21 Tugboat's cable, e.g.
22 Woman's name
23 Warbled
24 Kind of muffin
25 Demonstrate in a way
26 "Norma Rae" star
27 Old Irish robe
28 Fish
29 Skin growth
30 Way to serve eggs
31 Suffix for cow
32 One kind of correspondent
33 Poem
34 Isot
35 Dughashvili
37 Australian marsupial

DOWN

2 Famous baritone
3 Not perfect
4 Macaw
5 - on (inciting)
6 Actor
7 Greene
8 Substance
9 Blameless
10 Theatrical undertaking
12 Send back
16 Helsinki
17 Feral abode
18 Whirling sound
19 Small-town college
20 Sluggishness
25 Bazaar
27 Modify
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♦ A 10 8
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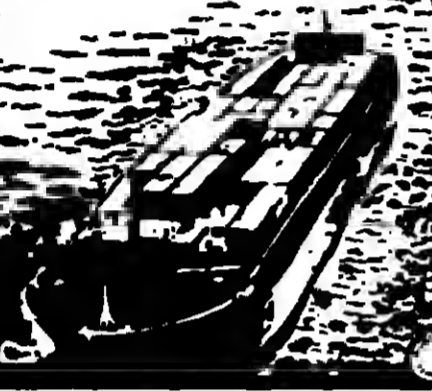
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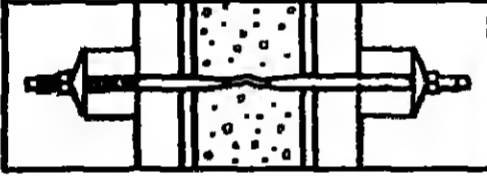
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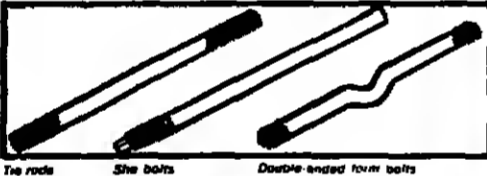
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Gromyko rules out discussions on Poland crackdown

GENEVA, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Monday ruled out a detailed discussion on the Polish crisis in talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. "I have no intention whatsoever of discussing questions relating to Poland or the domestic situation in Poland," he said on arriving for a meeting with Haig Tuesday.

The United States has said it wants the session devoted mainly to the Polish crisis and diplomats said Gromyko's refusal to enter into a detailed discussion suggested the meeting would be both frigid and stalemated.

"I am certainly prepared to discuss questions concerning relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union," Gromyko said in a brief statement at Geneva airport. There was no immediate comment from U.S. officials accompanying Haig, who was spending the day preparing for the long-planned meeting with the Soviet minister.

Haig said on arrival in Geneva Sunday night that he intended to tell Gromyko of the Western world's "outrage" over "increasing repression" by Poland's military rulers, and that the United States held Moscow responsible. But diplomats said it was still unclear whether Gromyko would refuse point-blank to talk about the East-West aspects of the Polish crisis following six weeks of martial law.

Gromyko said he was ready to discuss "many other international problems" in his planned four-hour meeting with Haig, the first high-level U.S.-Soviet encounter since Polish military law was clamped down on Dec. 13. He made no prediction on how the talks would develop.

Earlier senior U.S. officials said they expected no serious outcome, and other NATO diplomats expressed fears that the meeting could sharpen existing U.S.-Soviet tension over Poland.

"What the outcome of these discussions will be — that is something I cannot say anything about yet. We shall wait and see," Gromyko declared.

The U.S. State Department last week said it was shifting the focus of the talks from arms control to Poland, and scaling the meeting down from a planned two days to one day.

Gromyko said there was no prearranged agenda for the meeting, originally set when the two ministers met for the first time at the United Nations in New York last September. Some diplomats said Gromyko's statement could even prestage a Soviet walkout Tuesday if Haig insisted on using the talks for an attack on the Soviet Union.

But many officials said they doubted the Soviet Union would take the initiative in breaking off a dialogue with the United States restarted only few months ago, after deep initial strains between Moscow and the Reagan administration.

U.S. officials have already said that Haig

does not intend to fix a date with Gromyko for a new round of U.S.-Soviet strategic arms reduction negotiations. This was originally one of the top agenda items for the Geneva talks.

U.S. officials traveling with Haig from Washington Sunday said President Ronald Reagan was determined not to conduct business as usual as long as what they called repression was under way in Poland.

At their last meeting, Haig and Gromyko agreed to open negotiations on limiting European-based U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles. The talks started in Geneva on Nov. 30. Although Haig has described the European missile talks as being in a very special category despite the Polish crisis, the steady worsening of U.S.-Soviet relations has raised fears in Western European capitals that they could also be threatened.

U.S. officials have said they have no plans to interrupt the missile talks, which are also being held in Geneva. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Haig was receiving a detailed briefing on the talks Monday from chief U.S. negotiator Paul Nitze.

American sources said there was no dramatic progress in the negotiations so far, but useful work was being done in clarifying the positions of the two sides. Haig also conferred with Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert.

Diplomatic sources said the atmosphere at the Haig-Gromyko meeting could be affected by an announcement in Warsaw by Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski that martial law restrictions would be lifted by the end of February. The United States and other Western governments have called for a lifting of martial law, release of detainees, and resumption of talks between the Polish state, the suspended Solidarity free trade union organization and the Roman Catholic church.

One U.S. official accompanying Haig said, the Reagan administration is looking for not just a moderation of martial law in Poland but an improvement of the total atmosphere of East-West relations.

"Haig doesn't want to establish that tight a linkage to Poland," the official said. "Obviously, Poland is a factor in this," he said. "But so is Afghanistan and so is the Caribbean. I don't want to attribute it to any particular factor."

The Soviet media have made no comment on Tuesday's talks and thus given no clues about the Kremlin's attitudes and expectations. But this silence was itself ominous, suggesting that the Soviet leadership had probably already written off the meeting and expected only a sterile exchange of polemics, diplomats said.

There could be little doubt that Moscow was deeply angered by Haig's announcement last week that he was cutting the talks from two days to one and planned to focus on the situation in Poland, the said.

In attitude toward Poles

Bonn urged to take firm line

BONN, Jan. 25 (AFP) — A confidential foreign ministry report has warned that West Germany's moderate line on the Polish crisis is threatening a deep rift between Bonn and its Western allies, according to extracts published Monday in the weekly newsmagazine *Der Spiegel*.

The report advised the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to anchor itself more firmly in the Western alliance and to replace its policy of détente with the East European Socialist nations "combining a willingness for détente and the demands of security." A foreign ministry spokesman indirectly confirmed the existence of the report by saying it was the ministry's duty "to study all alternatives" to present policy. But he said it would be up to Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to make the final recommendation to the government.

The extracts published by *Der Spiegel* said

that "the divergences between Bonn and the United States, but also with France, Great Britain and Italy, on the Ostpolitik (policy of détente with the East) increasingly threatens to set West German diplomacy against that of its Western allies."

The report questioned the Schmidt government's attitude toward Poland and asked: "Was it really incompatible with the Ostpolitik to condemn the attacks on human rights in Poland as (French) President (François) Mitterrand has done?" It speculated whether "a speech which is too moderate brings with it the danger, as the French think, that the Soviet Union will believe there is an internal weakness in our country and take advantage of it by increasing its demands?"

The report, which *Der Spiegel* said was written by top civil servants in the foreign ministry, criticized Schmidt's desire to act as "an interpreter" between East and West.

Europe Council to debate Turkey

STRASBOURG, Eastern France, Jan. 25 (AFP) — A debate on whether or not to expel Turkey from the 21-nation Council of Europe is top of the working schedule its parliamentary assembly tackles here Monday at its 33rd session.

The assembly will give two days to this crucial debate, which is down for Wednesday.

Bank robbery foiled

NAPLES, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Three attempted bank robbers were shot dead by a security guard at a bank near here Monday, a police source reported.

The source said that the three men and an unspecified number of accomplices attempted to hold up the bank, at Capuano, outside this southern city, just before it closed for the afternoon. The robbers threatened the security guard but he was quicker on the draw and mowed down three before they could make their escape.

— notwithstanding pressures from Washington and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) to avoid any hasty or over-severe sanctioning of human rights violations by the military regime in Turkey, a key member of the Western alliance.

Already last year, Turkey was exploded from the assembly and is now only represented on the council's executive body. Monday the council's political commission, some of whose members visited Turkey this month on a study mission, is expected to opt for a resolution that takes a firm line on the Turkish issue and yet at the same time stops short of actually slamming the door, informed sources indicated.

For the consensus of the commission is that to expel Turkey from the council now would serve only to provoke a backlash from the military regime. On the other hand, by maintaining Turkey's membership, dialogue is kept going and the Ankara government may be influenced to speed up a return to democratic rule.



WAITS FOR TOW TRUCK: Unidentified motorist waits for tow truck or boat Saturday after driving the flooded section of U.S. 101 near Garibaldi. The area received 5.22 inches of rain in 24 hours Saturday.

Arms talks must go on, says Palme

BONN, Jan. 25 (R) — Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, now chairman of an international commission on disarmament, said Sunday increased international tension made dialogue on arms control even more essential.

"Our whole history shows that in times of international crisis, dialogue must continue and efforts to achieve peace and arms control must go on," he told a news conference following a three-day meeting of the commission which was set up in 1980 and including politicians from 18 countries. Palme said the coming year could be decisive in either halting the arms race or allowing it to get out of control. There was a chance of a breakthrough at the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on the limitations of medium-range missiles.

The commission is planning to present its report on disarmament to a special session of the United Nations General Assembly in June. Asked about prospects for a nuclear-free zone in Europe, Palme said his commission had discussed the possibility but had not yet reached any conclusions.

The Hamburg branch of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party called Saturday for the creation of just such a nuclear-free zone, a decision which Defense Minister Hans Apel criticized Sunday. In an interview in *Bild* newspaper, he said the creation of a nuclear-free zone in Europe would lead to a further increase in the Warsaw Pact's already-strong superiority in conventional weapons.

He also criticized calls for a moratorium on installing new missiles in Europe while the U.S.-Soviet talks are continuing. Such a moratorium was unattainable and contradicted NATO policy, he said.

Storms lash northwestern U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP) — Wind storms gusting up to 225 kph cut a swath of destruction through Colorado, Minnesota was buried by another snow blizzard and the Pacific northwest braced for flooding as the nation swung into the final week of a "January to remember."

Temperatures dipped well below zero Fahrenheit (18 Centigrade) from North Dakota through the upper Mississippi Valley. It was 21 below (-29C) in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 16 below (-26C) in Bismarck, North Dakota, 14 below (-25C) at Duluth, Minnesota, and 10 below (-23C) in Minneapolis.

Elsewhere, a new Pacific storm brought

Moved by hospitality Zia meets Mitterrand

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq had a two-hour luncheon meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace Monday.

Guests included Pakistani Agriculture Minister Vice Adm. Muhammad Fazil Janjua, Pakistani Minister for Industry Elahi Bakhsh Soomro, Pakistani Foreign Secretary of State Riaz Piracha and the Pakistani Ambassador in Paris. Also invited were French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, Minister for Research and Technology Jean-Pierre Chevènement, and Presidential Special Adviser Jacques Attali.

On leaving the Elysee, Zia thanked the French president for his "hospitality and kindness."

Zia arrived in Paris Monday for talks with Mitterrand on maintaining and stepping up international pressure for the removal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. On Arrival, he was greeted at Orly Airport with military honors and went straight to the Elysee Palace.

French-Pakistani relations have improved considerably since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan two years ago and after a major crisis in 1976 when France, under U.S. pressure, backed out of a deal to supply a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant which would have enabled Pakistan to extract plutonium capable of being used in nuclear weapons.

Dozier has long beard, photo shows

ROME, Jan. 25 (AP) — A Rome newspaper Monday retrieved a Red Brigades communique on the kidnapping of U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, police reported.

Police said the communique contained a photo of the 50-year-old general wearing a long beard. It was the fifth Red Brigades statement since members of the urban guerrilla gang abducted Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. military official at the NATO

base in the northern city of Verona, from his apartment Dec. 17.

Earlier, in a joint communique issued in Belgrade, Zia and Yugoslav President Sergej Kraigher Monday called for a "more active role of the nonaligned countries" in working for peace and security. The communique released at the conclusion of a four-day state visit by Zia to Belgrade, expressed satisfaction at the "fruitful development" of relations between Pakistan and Yugoslavia but warned against "the increase of tension" in the world.

"Pakistan's membership in the nonaligned movement has reinforced mutual comprehension, boosted bilateral relations and extended the possibilities of cooperation" between the two countries, the statement said. Expressing concern over "foreign interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states," the communique stressed the importance of the next nonaligned summit, to be held in Baghdad in September, and called for "strengthened cooperation and unity of action" among the movement.

The communique called for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Cambodia and Afghanistan, for an end to the Iran-Iraq war, and "severely" condemned Israel for its attacks on Lebanon and the annexation of Syrian Golan Heights. Bilaterally, the statement said, the two presidents had reviewed the possibility of stepped up industrial and trade cooperation.

An editor at Rome's *Il Giornale D'Italia* said a reporter for the newspaper found the communique in a waste basket after an anonymous caller told where to look. The same newspaper retrieved the fourth communique in a similar manner Jan. 16.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

On my last trip to Jeddah, I saw that he was doing extremely well — a young man who had come to us from a village in the south. He had asked for a job, but since he had no training of any sort, and wasn't exactly on the ball when it came to town life, all we could offer him was the position of assistant to Hajj Ahmad, the building's janitor.

I asked him what he was doing now and he said proudly that he was a computer programmer. He took me around an I saw him at work, handling the sophisticated equipment with confidence, and generally behaving as the true son of his age, the postindustrial age. (In my case, I seem to have missed the industrial age somehow and the gap to the computer age is now too wide to cross.)

Seeing him in his new position made me think of him as he came to join us. I reminded him of the story of the "refreshments machine" and he laughed aloud. He has come a long way since then. What happened was that Hajj Ahmad, the building's janitor, had a huge central fuse box in his room, serving the building as a whole. The box had an enormous switch attached to it, through which you could stop and start the electricity supply.

Hajj Ahmad's room was also used by him for social gatherings. He and his friends would sit sipping tea or cold drinks, so that the central fuse box was always surrounded by crates of lemonade bottles and such like. And it was this which caused the misunderstanding when the young man came to work with the Hajj. For he looked at the crates and then at the machine and made what he thought was the obvious deduction.

So one day as I was sitting in my office, I noticed the lights going on and off — and kept doing so for a long time. Someone was clearly tampering with the electricity supply. I went down to the ground floor and into Hajj Ahmad's room.

And there was that young man angrily yanking the switch on and off, addressing the machine in very strong language. I asked him what the matter was and he said it was plain daylight robbery. He had inserted some money in the box in order to get a lemonade and then yanked the switch but nothing came. He put more money and tried again, and again and again, and that's why he has now lost his temper and was about to smash the thieving machine to bits...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

Ludwig turns Jari project to consortium

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Amazon dream of American billionaire Daniel K. Ludwig came to an end Monday, as a consortium of Brazilian banks, insurance companies and industrial conglomerates took over his vast but ill-fated jungle agribusiness empire.

A document filed Monday morning with the Rio de Janeiro State Corporate Registry Legally transferred title of Ludwig's Jari Project 1.6 million-hectare forestry, cellulose, ceramic clay, farming and ranching complex in northern Brazil — to a group of 23 Brazilian corporations. Ludwig, 85, who lives in New York and is said to be one of the world's richest individuals, was a victim of the deceptive lure of the Amazon as a place for making a huge personal fortune.

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